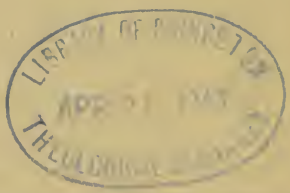

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THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK

A.D. 1917.

The Synod of New York met according to appointment in the First Presbyterian Church of Watertown, N. Y., on Tuesday, October 16, 1917, at half past seven o'clock, P. M. and was opened with devotional services and a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. Harlan G. Mendenhall, D.D., of the Presbytery of New York from Leviticus 6:13, "The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out."

It was followed by an address on "Protestantism and its attitude to the times," by Rev. S. Parkes Cadman D.D., of Brooklyn.

The Synod was then constituted with prayer by the Vice-Moderator, Rev. Alexander Alison, D.D.

Upon the report of the Permanent Committee on Registration, the following ministers and ruling elders were recognized as duly appointed delegates and their names were entered upon the Roll of the Synod:

ROLL OF THE SYNOD

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
John H. Trussell, (2),	Abram M. Hollister,
Norman McLeod,	Willis Warner,
George T. Lemmon,	Frank Kelley.
Alexander Lennox, Litt.D.,	
Frederick A. Gates,	
George M. Gordon.	

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John J. Lawrence, D.D., (2),	William H. Preston,
Frank E. Van Wie,	James J. Glann.
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Edwin D. Bailey, D.D.,
Louis O. Rotenbach,
Robert W. Anthony,
Herbert H. Field,
T. C. Roberts-Horsfield,
George M. Nicholls,
Carlton Park,
William J. MacDonald.
John E. Wallace,
L. D. Mason, M.D.,
Cornelius Bergen,
G. P. Conard,
J. A. Park,
William H. Mills

IV. BUFFALO.

George S. Swezey,
Carl H. Dudley, S.T.D.,
Oliver F. Chittick,
Walter Foss,
Clifford C. Cornwell,
Charles K Imbrie,
William H. Leach.
Col. D. S. Alexander,
Charles S. Butler, D.D.S.,
John Smith Chittenden,
William A. Galpin,
F. F. McCallum.

V. CAYUGA.

Allen M. Dulles, D.D.,
John A. MacIntosh, D.D.,
Irving W. Ketchum.
Luke Williams.

VI. CHAMPLAIN.

Aaron W. Maddox,
Edward Turkington.
Myron B. Wells.

VII. CHEMUNG.

Albert B. Judson,
William H. Chapman.
Carr M. Earnest.

VIII. CHILE.

IX. COLUMBIA

William Mackay,
Jacob Markarian.
Brainard O. Peck.

X. EASTERN PERSIA.

XI. GENESEE.

John D. Thomas,
John M. Van Tillburg.
W. S. Wilcox.

XII. GENEVA.

David H. Craver,
Donald H. McKenzie,
Prof. John E. Lansing,
S. Eddy Whitaker.

XIII. HUDSON.

Joseph MacInnes,
Ivan G. Martin,
O. B. Neyroz,
Albert E. Chamberlain, (2),
Charles M. Ackerman, (2).
G. H. Vernon, M.D.,
Hon. Augustus Denniston,
C. E. Johnson,
Thomas N. Patterson.

XIV. LONG ISLAND.

Frederick J. Pohl,
Arthur M. Elliott,
Frederick G. Beebe.
Scudder Smith,
Riley P. Howell.

XV. LYONS.

Luther A. Ostrander, D.D.,
C. M. Creighton.
S. H. Fish.

XVI. NASSAU.

J. Milton Thompson, D.D.,
Frank B. Cowan.
John D. Fish,
William J. McArthur, (2).

XVII. NEW YORK.

Duncan J. McMillan, D.D.,
Harlan G. Mendenhall, D.D.,
Simeon B. Dunn, D.D.,
George S. Webster, D.D.,
David E. Lorenz, Ph.D.,
Robert R. White,
Robert Watson, D.D.,
Albert D. Gantz,
Basil D. Hall,
Lyman R. Hartley.
William T. Ford,
William B. Hills, D.D.S.,
George H. Richards,
John W. Stephens, Ph.D., (2),
John F. Drake,
William Thomson,
Hon. William S. Bennet,
George Doull,
E. B. Southwick, Ph.D.,
James L. Beyea, M.D.

XVIII. NIAGARA.

George A. Jameson, M.D.,
Peter Birrell,
Willis P. Hume.
Arthur Jackling,
Robert Gillies.

XIX. NORTH RIVER.

Alexander Alison, D.D.,
Roscoe C. Wright, Ph.D.
Llewellyn Lent,
Fred I. Bower.

XX. NORTH SIAM.

XXI. OTSEGO.

Nicholas S. Becker,
John C. Rankin,
Walter D. Cavert.
Thomas Beach,
Ferris E. Davis.

XXII. PORTO RICO.

XXIII. ROCHESTER.

William H. Dexter, Ph.D.,
C. Waldo Cherry,
James L. Jewell,
Theodore M. Carlisle,
Theodore T. Hays,
Joseph Sunter.
Stewart Gray,
Lewis H. Jacobs.

XXIV. ST. LAWRENCE.

James Robertson,
William H. Bruins,
Robert B. Perine.
William H. Storie,
Matthew M. Bagg,
Edward J. Lancto.

XXV SIAM.

XXVI. STEUBEN.

William F. Colclough,
Albert B. Scofield.

XXVII. SYRACUSE.

Henry A. Porter,
Ralph E. DeKay,
Cuthbert C. Frost.
Fred L. Fisher,
Frank H. Stephenson, M.D.

XXVIII. TROY.

Richard Abbott,
John R. Fraser,
James W. Bump.
Jacob Graves,
William H. Hollister, Jr.,
John T. Birge,
Charles H. Carpenter.

XXIX. UTICA.

Ralph W. Brokaw, D.D.,
Emory L. Evans,
Sherman W. Haven,
David C Davies.
Fred F. Shirley.

XXX. WESTCHESTER.

William J. Cumming,
Thomas C. Straus,
Anthony N. Peterson,
Andrew Szilagyi.
Gen. Ralph E. Prime, LL.D.,
Rodney Gibson,
Charles J. Dunlap,
Walter Thomas,
Frederick I. Pugsley.

Rev. Allán Macy Dulles, D.D., of the Presbytery of Cayuga was chosen Moderator and was duly inducted into office.

Rev. Frank B. Cowan of the Presbytery of Nassau and Rev. William J. Cumming of the Presbytery of Westchester were chosen Temporary Clerks.

Rev. Darwin F. Pickard, D.D., chairman of the Committee of Arrangements presented its report and a proposed docket and recommended its adoption as the order of business, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

Rev. David H. Craver was appointed to lead the Devotional Services of Wednesday morning and Rev. Luther A. Ostrander, D.D., of Thursday morning.

After prayer, Synod adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8:45 o'clock.

Watertown, N. Y., October 17, 8:45 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and spent fifteen minutes in devotional services.

Prayer was offered and business was resumed. Delegates not previously reported, marked (2) were found present and enrolled.

The Moderator announced the appointment of Rev. C. Waldo Cherry of the Presbytery of Rochester as Vice-Moderator and the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures:

Ministers—Harlan G. Mendenhall, Alexander Alison, Ralph W. Brokaw, John A. MacIntosh, Theodore M. Carlisle, Walter Foss, David H. Craver, Robert W. Anthony.

Elders—William H. Hollister, Jr., Charles S. Butler, John Smith Chittenden, Fred F. Shirley, Frank H. Stevenson, William S. Bennet, Fred I. Bower.

2. Judicial Business:

Ministers—Thomas C. Straus, Luther A. Ostrander, Peter Birrell, James Robertson, J. Milton Thompson, Robert Watson, Alexander Lennox, Cuthbert C. Frost.

Elders—Abram M. Hollister, Ralph E. Prime, William J. Storie, Frederick I. Pugsley, John E. Lansing, Jacob Graves, Stewart Gray.

3. Minutes of General Assembly:

Ministers—John A. MacIntosh, Anthony N. Petersen, Charles K. Imbrie.

Elders—Arthur Jackling, John T. Birge.

4. Finance:

Elders—William Thomson, George H. Richards, S. Eddy Whitaker, Myron B. Wells, Fred L. Fisher.

5. Leave of Absence:

Ministers—Donald H. McKenzie, George A. Jameson, Willis P. Hume, George S. Swezey, Albert B. Scofield.

Elders—Charles J. Dunlap, Luke Williams, C. E. Johnson, Jacob Graves.

6. Nomination of Woman's Synodical Committee:

Ministers—Carl W. Dudley, Ivan G. Martin, Louis D. Rotenbach, Jacob Markarian, Carlton Park.

Elders—F. F. McCallum, Carr M. Earnest, Ferris E. Davis, W. S. Wilcox.

7. Nomination of Trustees of Synod:

Ministers—Henry A. Porter, A. D. Gantz, Basil D. Hall, Fred G. Beebe, Joseph MacInnes.

Elders—William B. Hills, William A. Galpin, William H. Preston, Brainard O. Peck.

8. Committee to Collate Reports on the Records of Presbyteries:

Ministers—Duncan J. McMillan, Frank E. Van Wie, George M. Gordon.

Elders—Robert Gillies, Riley P. Howell.

ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

1. Albany: *Ministers*—William H. Bruins, Clarence B. Scoville; *Elder*—Edward J. Lancto.

2. Binghamton: *Ministers*—George S. Webster, George M. Gordon; *Elder*—Frank Kelley.

3. Brooklyn: *Ministers*—Norman McLeod, Fred A. Gates; *Elder*—Willis Warner.

4. Buffalo: *Ministers*—George T. Lemmon, Aaron W. Maddox; *Elder*—James J. Glann.

5. Cayuga: *Ministers*—William H. Chapman, Theodore M. Carlisle; *Elder*—Lewis H. Jacobs.

6. Champlain: *Ministers*—Frank E. Van Wie, T. C. Roberts Horsfield; *Elder*—John E. Wallace.

7. Chemung: *Ministers*—William J. MacDonald, William H. Leach; *Elder*—William H. Mills.

8. Chile: (No records).

9. Columbia: *Ministers*—George M. Nicholls, Oliver F. Chittick; *Elder*—L. D. Mason.

10. Eastern Persia: (No records).

11. Genesee: *Ministers*—Joseph MacInnes, O. B. Neyroz; *Elder*—Thomas M. Patterson.

12. Geneva: *Ministers*—Henry A. Porter, Ivan G. Martin; *Elder*—Brainard O. Peck.

13. Hudson: *Ministers*—Frederick J. Pohl, Andrew Szilagyi; *Elder*—Scudder Smith.

14. Long Island: *Ministers*—Sherman W. Haven, David C. Davies; *Elder*—Walter Thomas.

15. Lyons: *Ministers*—John R. Fraser, James L. Jewell; *Elder*—Charles H. Carpenter.

16. Nassau: *Ministers*—William F. Colclough, James W. Bump; *Elder*—John T. Birge.

17. New York: *Ministers*—Robert B. Perine, Frederick J. Pohl; *Elder*—Rodney Gibson.

18. Niagara: *Ministers*—Arthur M. Elliott, D. E. Lorenz; *Elder*—S. H. Fish.

19. North River: *Ministers*—Basil D. Hall, Robert R. White; *Elder*—George Doull.

20. North Siam. (No records).

21. Otsego: *Ministers*—Carlton Park, Fred A. Gates; *Elder*—Luke Williams.

22. Porto Rico: *Ministers*—John M. Van Tillburg, Jacob Markarian; *Elder*—W. S. Wilcox.

23. Rochester: *Ministers*—Luther A. Ostrander, Lyman R. Hartley; *Elder*—S. H. Fish.

24. St. Lawrence: *Ministers*—George A. Jameson, Willis P. Hume; *Elder*—John D. Fish.

25. SIAM: (No records).

26. STEUBEN: *Ministers*—James Robertson, David C. Davies; *Elder*—Charles J. Dunlap.

27. SYRACUSE: *Ministers*—Simeon B. Dunn, Richard Abbott; *Elder*—Cornelius Bergen.

28. TROY: *Ministers*—J. Milton Thompson, Ralph E. DeKay; *Elder*—James L. Beyea.

29. UTICA: *Ministers*—Cuthbert C. Frost, Albert D. Gantz; *Elder*—Fred L. Fisher.

30. WESTCHESTER: *Ministers*—Richard Abbott, Nicholas S. Becker; *Elder*—William T. Ford.

The Minutes of yesterday's Session were read and approved.

The Stated Clerk gave the Necrological report for the past year. The report is as follows:

YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1917

NAME	PRESBYTERY	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	AGE
Marcellus Bowen, D.D.,	Westchester	Oct. 3, 1916		70
Samuel Boult,	New York	Oct. 11, 1916	Brooklyn, N. Y.	68
Francis Brown, D.D.,	New York	Oct. 15, 1916	New York City	66
Henry N. Dunning,	Albany	Oct. 15, 1916	New York City	51
T. Darlington Jester,	North River	Nov. 23, 1916	Schenectady, N. Y.	70
Charles H. Kilmer,	Chemung	Nov. 29, 1916	Binghamton, N. Y.	73
Dana W. Bigelow, D.D.,	Utica	Dec. 13, 1916	Utica, N. Y.	73
T. Glenworth Butler, D.D.,	Brooklyn	Dec. 28, 1916	Boonton, N. J.	95
Rino Venturino,	New York	Jan. 14, 1917	New York City	33
Wm. Allen Bartlett, D.D.,	New York	Jan. 15, 1917	New York City	86
George F. Walker,	St. Lawrence	Jan. 22, 1917	DeKalb Jct., N.Y.	66
Andrew J. Lydal,	Cayuga	Feb. 15, 1917	Fair Haven, N. Y.	43
Lyman D. Calkins, D.D.,	Nassau	Feb. 18, 1917	Westfield, N. J.	72
Frederick Campbell, Sc.D.,	Brooklyn	Feb. 22, 1917	Beaver Falls, N. Y.	60
Theodore F. Jessup,	Utica	Apr. 21, 1917	Boonville, N. Y.	77
Jas. T. Pollock,	Rochester	Apr. 29, 1917	Bridgeport, Conn.	83
John M. Carmichael,	Rochester	June 8, 1917	Caledonia, N. Y.	82
Newton L. Reed,	Buffalo	Aug. 6, 1917		60
Henry H. Stebbins, D.D.,	Rochester	Aug. 19, 1917	Rochester, N. Y.	79
Charles P. Mallery, D.D.,	New York	Sept. 27, 1917		75

Total number reported	20
Age of oldest minister	95
Age of youngest minister	33
Average age	69.6

The report was placed on the Minutes of Synod and prayer was offered by Rev. Alexander Alison, D.D.

In behalf of the chairman, Rev. Nevin D. Bartholomew presented the report of the Committee on Religious Education of which the following is a summary:

Reports have been received from less than half of the Presbyteries of the Synod and therefore it is not possible to do more than to draw general conclusions based upon the drift of those reports received. For the sake of full and accurate knowledge it is hoped that these reports will be sent in larger numbers in coming years.

From the reports received it is evident that more and more is the work of the Presbyteries becoming grouped under a general committee of religious education, and that there is an increasing desire to co-ordinate the various departments of religious education in the churches in the interests of greater efficiency. Some of the reports from the presbyteries indicate that while some of the churches have young people's societies and organizations that are pushing ahead, there is, on the part of many churches through the presbyteries a lack of definite planning for work through the co-operation of the young people.

The accessions to the churches from the Sunday Schools continue relatively about as last year. The great importance of the Sunday School as the source of future members of the church cannot be too strongly stated. Through the Sunday Schools the Church must more and more develop strength.

The Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work has had the best year in its history. The various departments have shown increased efficiency. The demand is still great for increased contributions from the churches and especially from the Sunday Schools for the work of Sunday School missions.

The department of religious education is justifying itself more and more and already the spirit of unity is being felt in the work. The new plan of departmental graded lessons has obtained wide commendation and the use of these lessons is spreading in all sections of the country. The emphasis of the department of religious education upon the organization of a council of religious education in every church and the establishment of a definite plan for promoting religious training should be renewed in every church. The study of the reports received from the various Presbyteries indicates that the oversight, guidance and training of the children and youth of the churches must be given increased consideration and prayer. The statistical reports indicate that the Board's Sunday School literature is widely used, that teachers' training classes are increasing, but that the increase in their membership is slow. Altogether, the work of the year would indicate that the period of re-adjustment and the establishment of new standards is still with the churches, but the conviction is clear from the reports submitted that the Church is alive to the great need in the department of religious education and is seeking to discover more practical ways and means by which to make this work efficient and enduring.

Your committee desires to make the following recommendations:

1. That the churches be urged to make an offering to the Board as a part of the general benevolences of the church in addition to the offering from the Sunday School.

2. That the work of religious education which includes Sunday School, young people's work and religious training in the home, be urged in every Presbytery as a matter of the greatest importance.

3. That each church be asked to consider carefully the establishment of a council of religious education.

4. That the Presbyteries that have not united their committees on young people's work and the Board of Publication and Sabbath School work in one committee known as the committee on religious education, be urged to do so.

5. In order that the committee may continue the pre-synodical conference and other constructive measures, the sum of $500 be asked.

6. That the Synod accept the resignation of the Rev. Frederick E. Stockwell as chairman of the Committee because of his removal from the bounds of the Synod and that Rev. Nevin D. Bartholomew be elected Chairman.

The report was accepted and after an address by Rev. Mr. Bartholomew all the recommendations were adopted except No. 5 which was referred to the Finance Committee, with the following recommendation, that that Committee endeavors to provide the sum of five hundred dollars ($500) asked by the Committee on Religious Education.

On the recommendation of the Stated Clerk the following Overtures were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures:

1. Overtures from the Presbyteries of Brooklyn and Nassau regarding the uniting of those presbyteries.

2. An Overture relating to the desecration of the Sabbath by the mobilizing and moving of troops on the Lord's Day.

The following report of the Committee on Men's Work was presented by Rev. Carl W. Scovel:

Sixty-four of our eighty-four churches report men's organizations with a membership of 7,384. Thirty-eight of these are Brotherhoods or Men's Clubs and the rest large organized Bible Classes. In forty-five of our churches the men have carried on every member canvasses for weekly beneficent giving and in three cases similar visitations are made for religious information and helpfulness. Hastily gathering specific instances of men's usefulness, please give your attention as we make casual visits: One church reports 1,250 members and no assistant for the pastor except a Men's Club of 250, who follow closely in service where he leads. In one case the men are managing the Sunday afternoon evangelistic theater meeting. One church praises its men for their evangelistic service,

assisting in bringing in new members. Other organized groups are doing efficient service in political and temperance reforms. But the almost universal sentiment on the part of our ministers is that it is a priceless asset in the church as a Christian fraternity, melting away the caste-formed ice, uniting the new power in one loving element, and then sending it forth to turn wheels of Christlike industries.

There are just a few minor notes in our replies. Fears have been expressed that this department calls the men only to fun and fried cakes. One scholarly divine remarks, "The idea of service being chiefly related to some church activity is repellent and untrue. Our men have enough to do to be decent citizens." But is not the best service for our State most often rendered by those educated in some church agency as a Bible Class or Brotherhood, who feel when they go forth to lead some reform that their assault is not a lonely one but a mass movement of united men?

The very fact that some complain of little interest and no apparent results outside of fellowship emphasizes the need of some agency to suggest wise methods and continuous policies that will ensure the steady development of a minister's ever trustworthy and efficient body-guard and advance-battalion, and will at the same time guard against only spasmodic movements.

"No greater task is before our Presbyterian Church than that of awakening and organizing the men for aggressive and continuous service. It can be done!" And another of our most virile church-leaders adds, "If the nation is at war, so is the church also. Unless the church wins her fight, the nation will lose her's even though she wins. For the church's fight is for the nation's spiritual life."

Shall our church leave the fraternity-idea entirely to the outside, irreligious fraternity, and then wonder why our men lack esprit de corps? Why they fail to respond when the pastor makes his most intense appeal? Why they come to look upon the church as a sleeping-place rather than a dynamic center of wide-awake work for their Master? And therefore, while we recognize the difficulties in many churches, and that each pastor must bear his own burden, yet we do urge that every pastor with his officials consider and plan some aggressive campaign this fall that will make every man connected with the congregation realize that Christ has a special desire for his service in that particular church.

We would therefore most respectfully commend:

First, Some carefully planned organization of men in each church.

Second, Bible Study in Men's Bible Classes for culture and training for service.

Third, Regular meetings of the Men's organizations, other than in Bible study, for the transaction of business, for the consideration of community and other civic duties, and of the standards and agencies of the Presbyterian Church.

Fourth, A program of activities each year by the Men's Organization, under the leadership of the Pastor, Session, and Executive Committee of the organization.

Fifth, An annual contribution by each for the Men's Work of the Presbyterian Church throughout the nation, according to the recommendation of the General Assembly.

Sixth, A readiness and eagerness on the part of these organizations to respond in practical patriotism to any appeal from our National Service Commission or from national committees like the Red Cross or Armenian Relief, in so far as their ability permits.

The report was accepted and after an address by Rev. William F. Weir, D.D., General Secretary on Men's Work, its recommendations were adopted.

The Treasurer of Synod presented his report which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Board of Trustees of the Synod, Mr. John T. D. Blackburn, Secretary, presented the following report for the year ending September 30, 1917, which was approved:

The officers of the Board are as follows: Rev. Anthony H. Evans, D.D., president; John T. D. Blackburn, secretary; Edwin T. Hanford, treasurer.

One meeting has been held.

The funds in the hands of the Trustees have not been increased or diminished during the year, except as to income and expenditure.

Total Investments	$28,394.32
Cash on hand Sept. 30, 1917	188.94
Invested for Cherry Valley Church	5,000.00

Of the income $1300 has been paid to H. C. Olin, Treasurer, toward the salary of the Secretary in charge of work for foreign people and $26 has been paid to the same treasurer, toward the salary of the pastor of the Italian Mission at the First Church, Schenectady, N. Y., a total of $1,326.00.

The total expenses of the Board have amounted to $80.49 in which is included the premium of $50.00 for Bond of the Treasurer.

The Committee on Synodical Missions presented its report. At the outset Synod spent a short time in silent prayer for our President and Counsellors, our Army and Navy, our Allies and our enemies and for our reconsecration.

The printed report was distributed. Addresses were made by Superintendent, Rev. U. L. Mackey, Rev. W. R. Patterson, D.D., Financial Secretary of the Home Mission Board and by Rev. A. W. Maddox, Superintendent of Lumber Camp Work.

A recess was then taken until two o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, October 17, 1917, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The consideration of the report on Synodical Home Missions was resumed. The report was accepted and after discussion the following recommendations were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the report of the Permanent Committee of Synodical Home Missions be received and approved by the Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That the report of the Permanent Committee of Synodical Home Missions be printed in the Minutes of the Synod in the form as adopted by Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That the Synod commend the Home Mission Churches and pastors on the growth of their churches during the past year and that special mention be made of the following churches which have come to self-support: Broad Avenue, Binghamton, Endicott, Denton, Genoa 2d, Lefferts Park, New Berlin, Scipioville, Huron.

4. *Resolved*, That the pressing needs set out on page four of the report be recommended to the attention of the Presbyteries and that the Sunday Schools of the Presbyteries of Brooklyn and Nassau be requested to make their Home Mission offerings for the special Sunday School work in the Borough of Queens of the city of New York, and that the Sunday Schools of the other Presbyteries of the Synod be requested to make their offerings special for the work for foreign people and the lumber camp work of the Adirondacks.

5. *Resolved*, That the proposed plan for a Fellowship of Stewardship, as presented by the representatives of the Assembly's Committee of the Every Member Plan, have the hearty approval of the Synod and be commended to the Presbyteries and congregations for serious consideration.

6. *Resolved*, That the action of the Permanent Committee at the April, 1917 meeting, approving a budget containing appropriations for Synodical Home Mission work in the State of New York, for twelve months, beginning July 1, 1917, in detail as follows, be and hereby is approved:

	1917–18	*1916–17*
For workers commissioned by Presbyteries	$40,000.00	$38,000.00
For workers commissioned by Synod:		
Synodical Superintendent	4,250.00	4,500.00
Adirondack Work	5,550.00	5,550.00
Work for Foreign People	3,000.00	3,000.00
Church Extension	3,000.00	2,500.00
Administration Expenses	2,100.00	1,850.00
Publicity	400.00	400.00
Emergency	2,500.00	5,000.00
Total	$60,800.00	$60,800.00

7. *Resolved,* That the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions be authorized to prepare and present a budget at its April meeting, for a period of one year, beginning July 1, 1918, the same to be presented in due course to the Synod of 1918 for consideration and approval.

8. *Resolved,* That the election of George P. Conard as Chairman of the Permanent Committee for a term of two years be approved.

9. *Resolved,* That the election of U. L. Mackey as Synodical Superintendent for a term of two years be approved.

10. *Resolved,* That the election of W. T. Cooper and Charles H. Anthony as members of the Permanent Committee for a term of three years be approved.

11. *Resolved,* That the Synod express to the American Bible Society its grateful appreciation of its grants of Bibles and parts for distribution among the lumber jacks in the Adirondacks.

The following action was taken relating to the expense of Synodical Missions in connection with the work of the Home Mission Board:

In view of the action of the 1917 General Assembly the following plan is recommended to the Synod of New York as a definite method for raising our proportion of the sum of $1,500,000 for the work of the Board of Home Missions.

1. That the sum of $230,000 approximately $1.00 per member be accepted by the Synod as its share of the fund.

2. That the Synod, by resolution, accept this allotment and direct its Synodical authorities to apportion the said sum among the Presbyteries and churches of the Synod.

To this end the following plan is hereby approved and adopted:

1. That the Synodical Committee of Home Missions resolve to give its attention this fiscal year to promote the financial side of the work of Home Missions in order that a permanent asset may be developed that will permit extension of both the Synodical and National work in the future.

2. That the Home Missionary Chairman of each presbytery in conference with the Superintendent of the Synod be directed to equip himself with strong committeemen and that a group of churches be allotted to each. And that each committeeman be held responsible for the result obtained in the churches allotted.

3. That a canvass be made in as many Presbyteries as possible according to the plan attached hereto, the dates and points of conference and canvass to be determined by the Synodical Superintendent in conference with the Financial Secretary and other representatives of the Home Board.

4. That the Superintendent be and hereby is authorized to devote such portion of his time as may be necessary in cooperation with each of the respective chairmen and representatives of the Home Board in carrying out the campaign above outlined for the purpose of raising the sums allotted.

5. *Resolved,* That the proposed plan for a proportionate giving through a Fellowship of Stewardship, as presented by the representatives of the Assembly's

Committee of the Every Member Plan, have the hearty approval of the Synod and be commended to the Presbyteries and congregations for serious consideration, and that the Ministers will preach a sermon on this subject upon some definite date.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

"The Synodical Home Mission Committee recommends to the Synod that its Moderator be directed to appoint a Committee to draft and send to the President of the United States a telegraphic resolution, assuring him of the fact that the members of the Synod of New York in their meetings for public worship as well as in private prayer, constantly implore Almighty God in his behalf, that His grace and guidance be given him in bearing of the mighty burdens imposed by the present war crisis. And further that if in his judgment a nation-wide day of prayer should be appointed, this Synod will give such call its cordial and united response."

In accord with this resolution, the Moderator appointed the following Committee: Rev. Messrs. Harlan G. Mendenhall, D.D., John A. MacIntosh, D.D., and Col. D. S. Alexander.

The committee to nominate the Trustees of Synod reported and the following persons who were recommended were duly elected by ballot:

For the terms expiring in 1920: Rev. Anthony H. Evans, D.D., Rev. Arthur C. McMillan, Edwin T. Hanford and Sanford R. Knapp.

For the vacancy for the term expiring in 1918: Frederick B. Post.

For the vacancy caused by the removal of Rev. Frederick E. Stockwell from the Synod for the term of 1919: Rev. Harlan G. Mendenhall, D.D.

The report of the Foreign Missions Committee was presented by the Chairman, Rev. Charles McKenzie, D.D. Pending the consideration of the report Rev. C. Waldo Cherry and Rev. Stanley White D.D., Secretary of the Board, addressed the Synod.

The report was then accepted and its recommendations were adopted. The summary of the report with its recommendations is as follows:

The war has put increasing necessity behind the work of Foreign Missions. It is not one of the causes that can stand aside until the conflict has ceased. It is now or never. The work which has already been established cannot be allowed to lapse lest the good that has been done should be dissipated forever. And so far from hindering the work, the war has opened wider many a door that must be entered before it is shut. Singularly enough Mexico is offering opportunities to us that were inaccessible before. China, India, Africa, the Philippines, Persia and Siam are presenting particularly urgent demands for more aggressive expan-

sion, that we cannot afford to ignore. The call is for sacrificial living and giving.

Never in the history of the country has there been such a development of the altruistic spirit. If the men of the world can show such devotion and sacrifice it is surely not too much to expect that Christian men and women will do their bit to the limit in this hour both of great need and magnificent opportunity. The Board, as was to be expected, is pushing this work vigorously as never before. In view of the great growth of the work and increased expense incident to the war, the Board has made a much larger appropriation than ever before. It will be necessary therefore, for the churches to maintain not only the high standard of last year but to go far beyond that if the work that has already been projected is to be carried through. The special effort known as the Million Dollar campaign, so auspiciously began last year (some $600,000 having been pledged) will be continued this fall and winter, and will be pushed more vigorously in a number of the Presbyteries of this Synod.

There is imminent danger that in the multiplicity of appeals that are being made in every community for pressing needs in connection with the war that these permanent necessities that rest upon the church will be given a subordinate place by our people. The worst and least permissible way of saving during a time like this is to cut down one's charitable and altruistic contributions along the habitual channels. There is no real self-denial in taking gifts from the work of missions and redirecting them into home channels for relief of distress.

To discharge our obligation better as a Synod we must copy from the activity going on all about us and more thoroughly develop the machinery already existing in our Presbyteries and churches. The Foreign Missions Committee of one of our leading Presbyteries has adopted an ambitious program for the year which every Presbytery committee would do well to adopt. The committee is persuaded that an aggressive policy is demanded by the exigency of the situation, in order that the great work of Foreign Missions may not be crippled during the war. An effort will be made to secure the appointment of a committee of one or more members by the session of each church, to serve as a point of contact between the Presbyterial committee and the local church. The churches will be grouped and occasional mass meetings held at which inspirational addresses will be delivered by the best speakers obtainable.

A most commendable way of increasing interest in World-wide Missions has been the various Mission Study classes that have been carried on in all of our aggressive churches. Each year special books have been published bearing upon particular problems and places of mission work.

These books are adapted to the use of various groups to be found in Church and Sunday School and a study of any one of them is bound to create a fresh interest in Missionary Work.

The Committee would offer the following recommendations:

First. That Synod recommends to all pastors and sessions that an effort be made during the coming year in view of the tremendous needs of the heathen world to raise a larger amount for Foreign Mission work than ever before.

Second. That Synod urge all non-contributing churches, of which there is a large number in our Synod, to give an opportunity to their congregations to give to this cause.

Third. That Synod recommend to all pastors and Sunday School superintendents the observance of the special days of Easter and Christmas in the Sunday Schools for the presentation of Foreign Missions, and that every Sunday School make some contribution to Foreign Missions.

Fourth. That Synod direct the attention of Mission Study Classes and Sunday School workers to the splendid list of books prepared by our Board adapted to different groups dealing with Mission Work in Africa and recommend that these be used as text books in the various classes this year.

Fifth. That the Executive Commission of the General Assembly be asked to devise some plan by which the increased financial need of mission work created by the present war conditions may be met by our churches.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. Daniel A. Ferguson, D.D.

An open Conference on Presbyterian responsibility was held, G. P. Conard presiding. An address on "Christian Stewardship" was made by Rev. Dr. Stanley White who also led in the Conference and Elder William H. Hollister led in prayer.

The Synod then joined in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Rev. Ralph W. Brokaw, D.D., and Rev. John J. Lawrence, D.D., conducting the services, assisted by the session of the entertaining church and certain elders from Stone Street and Hope Presbyterian Churches.

A recess was then taken until this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 17, 1917, 7:30 P. M.

A popular meeting in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions was held. After devotional exercises, Rev. John A. Marquis, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions addressed the Synod on that subject and Rev. Stanley White, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions spoke on the theme, "The War and the World Evangelism."

The following messages of greetings to President Woodrow Wilson and to Robert Lansing, Secretary of State, were presented and approved and ordered sent over the signatures of the Moderator and the Stated Clerk of Synod.

To the President of the United States:

Grace, Mercy and Peace. The Synod of New York convened in session at Watertown send greetings and do most earnestly assure you that in their meetings for public worship, as well as in private prayer, they do constantly implore Almighty God on your behalf, that His grace and guidance be given you in bearing the weighty burdens imposed upon you by the present world crisis. And further, that if in your judgment a nation wide day of prayer should be appointed, the Synod will give such call its cordial and united response.

To Robert Lansing, Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.:

The Synod of New York in session at the First Church of Watertown, N. Y., where, for many years you were an officer, sends greetings and expresses its appreciation of the splendid services you are rendering to our nation and humanity at a time when such service is so much needed.

After prayer by Rev. Thomas C. Straus and the pronouncing of the Apostolic Benediction, Synod adjourned to meet at 8:45 o'clock tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY, October 18, 1917, 8:45 A. M.

Synod engaged in a devotional service led by Rev. Luther A. Ostrander, D.D.

After prayer by the Moderator, business was resumed.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported as follows and its recommendations were adopted:

1. An Overture from the Nassau Presbytery and concurred in by the Presbytery of Brooklyn requesting that the two Presbyteries might be united under the name of the Presbytery of Brooklyn—Nassau. It is recommended that the desire of these presbyteries be approved and that their request be referred to the next General Assembly for final action.

2. An Overture relating to the moving of troops on the Lord's Day. Inasmuch as the matter is covered by the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, we recommend that no action be taken.

The Committee on the Next Place of Meeting, reported that a very cordial invitation had come to the Synod from the First Presbyterian Church of Syracuse inviting them to meet there Tuesday, October 8th, 1918, at 7:30 P. M., so as to synchronize with the Semi-Centennial of Auburn Theological Seminary which is to be celebrated during that week. The Committee recommended that the invitation be accepted and that the Synod meet one week earlier than usual.

The recommendation of the Committee was adopted by a unanimous vote.

The Committee on Judicial Business reported that no business had come before them and requested to be discharged. Their request was granted.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported that they found nothing special to report. The report was accepted and at their request they were discharged.

The Committee on Men's Work offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod's committee on Men's work is authorized to increase its membership and to elect an Executive Committee to carry on the work throughout the year. The committee shall work in conjunction with the General Assembly's Committee on Men's Work, and shall have general supervision of men's work in this Synod, in cooperation with the Presbyterial Committees.

The Synod urges all Presbyteries who have not now a committee on men's work to appoint such a committee.

The contribution to be made by each church to men's work, in pursuance of the resolution heretofore adopted, shall cover the expenses of the Presbyterial and Synodical committees as well as of the Assembly's committee.

Rev. R. Lew Williams, D.D., presented the report of the Committee on the Board of Education. The report was accepted and after an address by Rev. John M. MacInnes, Ph.D., its recommendations were adopted. The summary of the report and its recommendations are as follows:

Some confusion has arisen during the past year in the minds of many church officers owing to the impression that the consolidation of the Board of Education and the College Board had been actually consummated. The new General Board of Education has received its charter, but transfer to it of the assets of the two former Boards has not yet been accomplished. It will be some time, certainly not earlier than the end of the present Church year, before this legal consummation can be completed. Until this has been done the Church must operate through the old agencies. The attention of the churches is directed to this fact and to the importance of conducting their work for Education, the forwarding of contributions, furnishing information concerning students, efforts in the interest of University Student work, etc., through the same channels as formerly. Contributions to the Board of Education are still to be sent to the treasurer, Edward R. Sterrett, Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia.

The Board of Education has conducted a signally successful work this year. It has done a total business of $214,107, the largest amount expended in any one

year in its history. It has granted more aid to ministerial candidates than ever before, with the exception of two years, and has conducted the new work with marked fidelity and success. The receipts from churches, Sunday Schools and societies during the past year are slightly larger than ever before, being more than double what they were ten years ago. For this success we have reason to be grateful to God, and appreciative of the fidelity of the officers of the Board.

The problem of ministerial supply in our Church still persists. Last year, 226 men were ordained to the Presbyterian ministry, 40 less than the year before, 11 less than the average for the past seven years. There was a net gain of 12 ordained men over 1916; but had we not received from other denominations 60 more ministers than we dismissed to them, we would have had a net loss of 48 ordained men. There were 22 fewer candidates for the ministry in 1917 than in 1916. In view of present conditions—the unprecedented need for trained men—the call of the nation to college men, the appeal of the Y. M. C. A. and other Christian agencies for workers in army camps and at the front—the present situation challenges the earnest attention of every lover of the Church. In the present crisis the Church must be maintained at the highest possible degree of efficiency or the underpinning of civilization will be clean knocked out. And the Church must have leaders. Where are they to come from?

With large vision of the need and the opportunity, the Board has worked earnestly to help meet the situation. It has sought to arouse the Church. It has secured observance of "Vocation Day" in hundreds of churches and Sunday Schools. It has assisted Presbyterian men in ten cities in conducting Supper Conferences, when to nearly 1,000 picked high school lads the need for definite Christian service and the opportunities of the ministry were frankly and forcibly presented. It has co-operated with the Assembly's Committee on Evangelism in extensive College Visitation, by which the claims and opportunities of Christian service have been impressed upon thousands of students, the efforts in this direction being attended by unusual success and blessing. It has aggressively and faithfully conducted the work of pastoral supervision of university students. As is well known, our Board has pioneered in securing university pastors for this specialized work. During the past year, 15 men and one woman have given full time service in 15 universities; and 12 men and one woman have given part time in 12 universities, over 20,000 Presbyterian students being reached through their labors.

To carry on the work successfully during the current year, the amount required from churches, Sunday Schools and societies is $150,000. The General Assembly has called for this amount for the Board, from the churches. This means that the churches must increase their contributions to the Board of Education 50 per cent. over last year.

Coming to our own Synod. We have 117 candidates for the gospel ministry under the care of our Presbyteries, as compared with 120 in 1916. Synod contributed $33,504 to the Board, from all sources last year, as compared with $26,771 in 1916—a gain of $6,733. But this gain came from legacies and individual gifts. There was a falling off of $3,342 in the contributions of the churches

notwithstanding the pledge of Synod to increase its contributions in view of the co-operation of the Board in our Student Work at Cornell. A considerable number of Synod's churches still fail to make any contribution to this fundamentally important cause. The average contribution for each member in the churches of Synod last year was less than 15 cents—three street car fares.

Our Student Work at Cornell, through the unusually able and faithful services of our Student Pastor, the Rev. Herbert M. Moore, and the markedly helpful co-operation of Mrs. Moore, together with the valuable assistance of Dr. John A. MacIntosh of the First Church of Ithaca, has had a success beyond that of any previous year.

We suggest that members of Synod assure members of their congregations who may have sons or daughters at Cornell, that the spiritual and moral interests of the students will be looked after with the same care and solicitude as formerly.

Your Committee recommends:

First—That Synod strongly urge the churches to meet the Assembly's requirement of an increase of 50 per cent. in their contributions to the Board of Education. Under the terms of agreement with the Board for the conduct of the Student Work this increase by Synod is an obligation.

Second—That Synod recommends its Pastors to furnish to Mrs. Herbert M. Moore, temporarily in charge of the Student Work at Cornell, the names of their young people who are attending the University, and to co-operate in every way possible with Mrs. Moore and her assistants in the work for our Presbyterian students at Cornell.

Third—That all churches of Synod be urged to observe "Vocation Day," February 17, 1918, when the youth of the Church shall be shown the importance of Christian life-service and be informed of the need for trained leadership in the Church's work, and that the following Thursday be recommended as the "Day of Prayer for Colleges" and that the churches plan for its observance at their mid-week service.

Fourth—That Synod appropriate the sum of $100 for the use of the Committee on the Board of Education, for the prosecution of its work for the coming year.

Rev. George B. Stewart, D.D., addressed Synod relative to the celebration of the Centennial of Auburn Theological Seminary inviting this body to join in the Celebration on Thursday, October 10th, 1918. Rev. Edwin H. Dickinson, D.D., was also heard in this connection.

The Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for the next meeting together with the Stated and Permanent Clerks of Synod were appointed a Committee to confer with Auburn Seminary in the Celebration of the aforesaid centennial on October 10, 1918.

The printed copy of the report of the Committee on the College

Board was placed in the hands of all the members of Synod and accepted. Its principal features are these:

Attention was called one year ago to the great need of Bible Chair Endowment and in no one phase of the work has there been greater interest awakened than in the effort to secure such endowment. Facts based upon reports that have come to the Board show that no less than seven colleges have practically secured the full endowment and another nearly so, while the amount expended for Bible teaching has doubled in two years.

Your Committee would call the attention of Presbyterians to the fact that no better way could be conceived for a suitable and practical means of celebrating the four hundredth anniversary of the Reformation than for every congregation to make a generous offering to the cause of Bible Chair Endowment before October 31.

One other phase of the work in our colleges should command the attention of every one, viz. the spirit of evangelism that prevails in the institutions under the care of our Board. As the report says "spiritual results cannot be calculated by any mathematical rule,"—but reports from about half of our institutions show nearly 300 confessions of faith and a considerable number of young people who have definitely decided to devote themselves to the ministry or missionary work.

In connection with this subject an address was given by Rev. John A. MacIntosh, D.D., and the following resolution was adopted:

It is the sense of this Synod that every Church should observe the Quadricentennial of the Protestant Reformation and it is requested that each church in this connection make an offering to the Bible Chair Endowment Fund of the College Board.

Rev. Henry A. Porter presented the report on Ministerial Relief and Sustentation which was approved after addresses had been given by Dr. Charles S. Butler and Rev. Louis O. Rotenbach. The summary of the report is as follows:

In all the history of the Presbyterian Church no year has been so eventful and inspiring with reference to this work. Twice as much was added to the permanent funds as in any previous year—in all about $1,600,000—and over half a million was secured for current expenses. The Board was able to appropriate $50,000 more than ever before for Relief, and to authorize the payment of eighty per cent. of the maximum benefits of the Sustentation Fund. And while the income was more than doubled, the cost of administration was reduced by more than $2,000, and is now only 3.7 per cent. of the amount handled. The only cloud on the bright record of the year is the fact that of the almost ten thousand churches in our denomination only 5,860—sixty-three less than the year before—contributed to the current funds, and the total amount received from these churches was under $134,000.

New York is the only Synod which during the last year contributed to the Relief Department as much as it drew out for the needs within its bounds. Penn-

sylvania wore that honor the year before, and we were not even self-supporting. We will not boast very loudly yet, for, of a total offering of about $30,000, more than $27,000 was used in our own state, leaving only $2,730 to relieve the destitution elsewhere.

And the offering averaged less than thirteen cents per member. The presbyteries exceeding this average are New York, which gave twenty-eight cents per member; Troy, twenty-two cents; Nassau, twenty; Westchester, seventeen; Brooklyn, sixteen. At the other extreme we find Lyons Presbytery, with an average of under three cents per member. In Binghamton and Syracuse it was only five cents; in Chemung, Genesee, Geneva, Niagara, Rochester and Steuben only six cents. Probably the reason for such a pitiful showing may be found in the fact that many congregations are given no opportunity to cultivate and express their loyalty to this cause. Only 628 of Synod's 947 churches sent any offering. That leaves one-third of them not contributing. In two presbyteries one-half of the churches did not contribute.

Eighty-eight of the Board's beneficiaries passed away last year; but 204 new cases were added, so that the roll now numbers 1,622. This does not include the wives and children of ministers who are being aided. The actual number of persons dependent on the Board is over two thousand. This number increases constantly. It is 50 per cent. greater now than it was ten years ago. What are these aged fathers and mothers in Israel, their widows and orphans, and our younger brothers, stricken down by serious illness with wives and little ones, dependent on them—what are they all going to do in these stringent times, with the cost of living rising by leaps and bounds, unless the Board of Relief can come to their aid with adequate appropriations? The average grants last year were $303 to ministers, and under $200 to widows. No one will claim that those amounts were sufficient for the need. But they were all that the resources of the Board would allow.

To increase those resources is certainly one of the most urgent duties now confronting the Church.

A word about the Sustentation Fund. Paying four-fifths of the maximum benefits now, it is growing at a rate which makes its completion certain within a few years. It offers to ministers under sixty an opportunity to secure at one-fifth of its cost—the Church paying the rest—a pension proportioned to years of service, payable at the age of seventy, or sooner in case of disability or death, in which latter event it becomes a life insurance to the widow and dependent children. In contrast with *relief*, which, however graciously granted, has to be asked for on the plea of poverty, the benefits of the Sustentation Fund come automatically to the minister who has contributed his part toward them, regardless of his other resources. This saves him—or his widow—from having to answer embarrassing questions as to income. It puts him in the dignified position of one who has done his best, taking advantage of the splendid opportunity which the church offers, to provide himself and his loved ones against becoming objects of charity.

The interests of the American Tract Society were presented by Rev. Robert Watson, D.D., and the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, First, that the Synod rejoices that the American Tract Society has for ninety-two years disseminated in both the home and foreign mission fields in one hundred and seventy-eight languages and dialects the saving truths of the Gospel of Christ as commonly believed by all the evangelical Churches, and distributed a total number of over 797,700,000 copies of volumes, periodicals and tracts from the Home Office, and has made cash grants to foreign mission stations for the creation of Christian literature in the vernacular to the amount of nearly One Million Dollars, by means of which many millions of copies of volumes and leaflets have been printed and circulated in Pagan lands.

Resolved, Secondly, that we greatly appreciate the large and intensive work carried forward during all these years in the distribution of the Gospel Message to the non-Church-going, literally going forth into the highways and hedges, and into the streets and lanes, through its missionary colportage, whereby 19,000,000 family visits have been made and over 17,000,000 volumes of saving religious truth circulated and 600,000 religious meetings held, and we believe the Tract Society is greatly needed to bring the Word of God by means of the printed page to the millions yet unreached.

Resolved, Thirdly, that we call attention to the American Tract Society's special and earnest work to greatly multiply and circulate Christian literature in the Spanish and Portuguese languages in behalf of the ever-increasing needs of Latin America, and we rejoice that its publications for the past year includes some of the works most needed, and that it is now engaged in preparing a One Volume Bible Commentary and other important publications for the use of the missionaries throughout Latin America.

Resolved, Fourthly, that the Synod especially appreciates and commends the signal efforts the Tract Society is putting forth to supply our soldiers and sailors with wholesome, uplifting and saving religious reading, and rejoices that in addition to the scores of thousands of *Soldier's Text Book*, *Cromwell's Soldier's Pocket Bible* and leaflets especially prepared for the soldiers and sailors, the Tract Society is now publishing and distributing to the Battleships and Cantonments and Camps *The Patriot Library*, consisting of twenty volumes most carefully selected, all urgently needed by "Our Boys."

Resolved, Fifthly, that in view of the above facts the Synod earnestly commends the work of the American Tract Society to our Pastors and Church members and urges all our Sessions to include the work of the Society in their benevolent budget for an annual offering.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was presented by Rev. Duncan J. Millan, D.D. The report was accepted and its recommendations were adopted. Its substance is as follows:

1. Synod instructed its Standing Committee on Sabbath Observance "to take keen and active interest in all measures affecting the Sabbath which may at any time be pending in the State Legislature."

Legislation

From the convening of the Legislature until its closing hour, your Committee, with ceaseless vigilance, guarded the Sabbath cause against every adverse measure that was introduced and advocated every measure that guarded the Holy Day.

There were 33 bills (not counting amendments) affecting Sunday laws. Of the 33 bills, 13 were good and had our earnest support; 18 were bad and would weaken or nullify those laws. Eight of the adverse bills would legalize Sunday moving picture shows. The whole country was watching our legislature, for the result of the battle in New York was expected to promote the interests of the great moving picture business in every state in the Union. The representatives of the National Moving Picture Industry, which controls a capital of $550,000,000 were present and fought for the bills. We who opposed the bills knew that the issue was much broader and deeper than the mere question whether moving pictures should be permitted to exhibit on Sunday in New York. The movement was symptomatic of a deep, nation-wide assault upon the whole Penal Code. Every Sabbath Observance organization in the State, except the Jewish, rallied to the fight and did valiant work.

While the great fight was on the Moving Picture measures, there were other measures to fight. The old perennial bill that would give those who observe another day than Sunday, as their holy day, the right to carry on business on Sunday, which has been defeated fifteen years in succession, appeared in this legislature again. Three baseball bills, a foot race bill, several athletic bills which need not be specifically described, were introduced and all defeated.

Two other adverse bills, called War Measures, were introduced too late for a fair contest, though they were vigorously opposed by your representative and others. They passed both Houses of the Legislature, but were vetoed by the Governor. One of these bills would suspend, during the present war, the Sunday law as it applies to agriculture. The other would authorize the Industrial Commission to suspend at any time, during the present war, any of the laws. We may rejoice that we were spared the humiliation of such enactments by our good Presbyterian Governor.

Thus a record of six decades of constructive and defensive legislation was maintained.

2. Following the action of the Synod in the matter of the Lackawanna Steel Company, the chairman of your Committee addressed to the State Industrial Commission a letter protesting against their granting the request of that Company for exemption from the provision of Section 8a of the Labor Law, to which the following reply was received:

"Referring to your communication of the 6th inst., in which you protest against the application of the Lackawanna Steel Company for variation from the

provisions of Section 8a of the Labor Law, I have to say that the Industrial Commission at a meeting held in New York on Friday, November 10th, declined to grant the application and required the Company to file with the Commission plan of operation under which the provisions of the law will be complied with."

The great war that seems to be shattering the nations of the earth reaches down into the local affairs of society, dislocating ordinary interests and unsettling the normal life of every community. The ungodly elements are seizing the opportunity afforded by the concern that all people have in the war, to attack the Sabbath. Sunday movies, and athletic contests and sports are growing bolder. Baseball leagues are forcing the gates of the athletic grounds, defying the laws and by popular compulsion gaining the permission of authorities who never gave it before, under the plea that the proceeds are for some patriotic cause. It is a most unpatriotic and avaricious attempt to destroy the Sabbath. But a rare opportunity is thus given the friends of the Sabbath. The enemies of this most beneficent institution, having failed in the legislature last winter to break down the Sunday law, are attempting to evade it, under the plea of charity, and the scornful flout that the old "blue laws" are worn out and ought to be discarded.

The Sunday laws of our State represent the deliberate and carefully considered judgment of the Legislature of the State during a period covering its entire history.

It has always been difficult to protect the Sabbath from desecration in time of war. It was so in the Wars of Israel. It was so during the Revolutionary War when General Washington found it necessary to act positively, and issued his historic Sabbath proclamation. During the dark days of the Civil War, President Lincoln resisted the same tendency and protected the army and the country against the evil consequences of Sabbath breaking by issuing his famous order. General McClellan and Admiral Foote did likewise. So did General Miles, and later President Harrison. President McKinley reverently referred to these orders when he added the weight of his emphatic approval.

Religious bodies of all denominations, Protestant and Roman Catholic acquiesced in and approved the law as it now exists and are opposed to any change.

At this serious moment when millions are devoutly praying for the divine favor and blessing upon our country and its armies it ill becomes us to violate the Divine law or to attempt with our feeble hands to suspend or repeal it.

Every Sunday law has been assailed with a vicious determination that reveals a Satanic origin and inspiration of the movement. But in all parts of the Synod there has been a reasonably faithful prosecution of violators. In the metropolitan district, complaints have been made against 20 saloons, 31 theatres, a score of business houses, many cabarets, shooting galleries, one Baseball Sunday School. Ten professional baseball games have been followed by prosecutions.

The Municipal authorities of the cities of our State differ in their attitude toward Sunday Movies.

By prompt action an important victory was gained over the theatres, saloons and cabarets last New Year's Eve. But still the Sabbath suffers by the apathy

of many churches, the indifference of many pastors and the acquiescence of some ministers in Sunday baseball, golf, tennis and other Sabbath violation.

Over three million pages of literature on the subject have been circulated on the subject, and 40,000 copies of a small brochure entitled "Sunday in the Army and Navy," containing the Sunday order of Washington, Lincoln, McClellan, Foote and Harrison.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Committee on Finance, in the exercise of the power conferred upon it by Synod, referred to the Committee on Sabbath Observance, the request for an appropriation to pay the expenses of a member who might be deputed to appear in Albany in defense of the Sabbath. This reference was accompanied by the remark that "*the paying of expenses to secular bodies, of members of Synod, when others allied with the churches do this work, would be an innovation;*" and furthermore that "*the Committee on Finance did not think it wise to recommend an appropriation for an indefinite amount.*"

In the judgment of your Committee, the position of the Finance Committee on these two points is well taken for the following reason:

For more than half a century the interests of the Sabbath have been carefully and successfully guarded in the Legislature, and with the increased number of Sabbath Observance organizations and agencies there is little ground for fear that these interests will be neglected. Synod may safely intrust to these societies the watchful care over the Sabbath legislation and any deliverance it may choose to address to the Legislature.

Your Committee therefore recommends that the request be denied.

2. That Synod urges pastor and churches to extend all proper aid and encouragement to the organizations and agencies that guard the interests of the Sabbath in the State and National Legislatures, and in their enforcement of the Sunday laws,—responding promptly to their calls for help especially in emergencies.

3. That the Sabbath Observance organizations be heartily commended to churches and individuals for more generous contributions in view of the growing extent and importance of their work.

4. That the literature and periodicals of these Sabbath societies be freely circulated among the families and Sunday Schools.

5. That the cause of Sabbath Observance be presented from the pulpits of our churches on the first Sabbath after Easter or on any other Sabbath that may be more suitable, and that the generously proffered services of secretaries and other Sabbath workers be more generally accepted.

6. That the Synod is unalterably opposed to all Sunday games, sports, secular entertainments and excursions as contrary to the law of God, and unnecessary in view of the general prevalence of Saturday half holiday, the increased number of annual holidays and the common arrangements for vacations.

7. The Synod would urge with special emphasis every minister, church

officer and church member to regard his sacred obligation to maintain a becoming reverence for the Lord's Day, keeping it holy and throwing around it every possible safeguard against its violation and to aid in every possible way to carry out the above resolutions both in letter and in spirit.

8. That Rev. Norman McLeod of the Presbytery of Albany be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Rev. William P. Stevenson and that Elder James B. Murray of the Presbytery of Westchester be elected to fill the vacancy on the Committee caused by the death of Elder George W. Banks.

Rev. Robert G. Davey was heard in reference to the Lord's Day Alliance. A resolution on the subject was offered and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Rev. Charles G. Richards, D.D., addressed the Synod regarding the work of the Special Service Commission of the General Assembly. The following action was taken:

Resolved, 1. That the Synod of New York heartily approves the action of the last General Assembly in establishing a social service commission and that we order the appointment of a Synodical Committee to co-operate with this commission.

2. That we earnestly recommend the appointment of similar Committees in all our Presbyteries and congregations, to the end that the efforts of the Commission may receive the practical sympathy and support of the entire church.

The following Committee was appointed: Rev. C. G. Richards, D.D., Rev. Basil D. Hall and Elder William S. Bennet.

Mr. David Hinshaw addressed the Synod in the interests of the American Bible Society.

The Committee on Temperance reported through its chairman, Rev. Charles G. Ellis, Ph.D. The report was received and its recommendations were adopted, as follows:

We note in the first place a substantial increase in temperance sentiment. Men who once believed in the rum business, as a necessary evil now confidently predict its downfall. Brewers are engaging engineering specialists to plan the transformation of their plants into useful factories.

The chief force that is overcoming the rum business is not moral or spiritual or ethical but material. The liquor interests have been intrenched in their ability to pay taxes. The first question shot at those who proposed to limit this business has been like that asked by the King of Judah when commanded by the prophet to cut loose from the King of Assyria, "And what shall I do for the one hundred talents of silver given to the King of Assyria?" How shall we support prisons almshouses, reformatories, and the multitudinous expenses of government without liquor licenses and taxes? In other words let us make men slaves of the rum habit and then the poor, blear-eyed, inefficient slaves will gladly bear the burden of a nation's taxes to continue their slavery. But a new age has dawned. Some few years ago somebody discovered the word "efficiency,"

and efficiency began to eliminate the drinker as well as the drunkard from mill, railway operation and from every progressive industry. Then some one discovered "Safety First" and safety first proceeded to eliminate more drinkers from responsible positions upon railways, from shops and ships. Then came the World War and more elimination of drink and drinkers on the same score. The World War has brought another word to the front, "Economy."

If the world contest is a contest between democracy and autocracy it is also rapidly developing into a contest between democracy and humanity. The sane people of England are not satisfied to have the officers' wines transported to the front when the army lacks shells. They are not content to have hundreds of gallons of rum find transportation from the West Indies when there is lack of cargo space for wheat. Lloyd George has said that "Liquor is a greater enemy to the British Empire than either Germany or Austria." The chief ally of the Kaiser in this country is rum, it has been the efficient ally of every unpatriotic strike, it lay at the bottom of the East St. Louis riots and wholesale murders, liquor has assisted German plotters in stirring up the negroes to riot at Houston and elsewhere. The determination to protect our splendid young American manhood called to the colors is another moral force tending to overthrow liquor. The reports that come back of Canadian youths who never drank at home who have been turned into sots while serving in Europe because the British government without Canada's leave, sanctioned the sale of liquors in the camps of Canadain regiments, is both a menace and a challenge. We would in this connection most heartily approve of the statesmanlike and high moral stand of Secretary Daniels in his efficient efforts to shut liquor out of the navy and to protect our sailors when on shore, also the stringent laws against the selling drink to our soldiers and sailors when in uniform.

The greatest single blow the liquor traffic in America ever received, was given when Michigan, Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska and Alaska adopted prohibition, when Utah and Florida took similar action and a prohibition referendum was submitted in Porto Rico.

Congress has confirmed the prohibition referendum in Alaska and has made the National Capitol dry, and has made prohibition states, counties and towns bone dry by prohibiting liquor advertisements and importing for personal use in such localities. We would note with satisfaction that as a war measure, the distillation of liquors ceased in the United States on September 8th.

In our own State we have the Hill-Wheeler City Local Option law. Under the Brown law we rejoice in the elimination of a great number of superfluous saloons, and in the continued gain in dry territory and the enforcement of temperance laws.

We regret that our State is rated as one of the four States of which both Senators voted wet upon the occasion of the recent legislation to establish National Prohibition.

We recommend, 1. The use of the splendid materials and information furnished by our Temperance Board and approval of the Board's campaign.

2. The observance of Temperance Sunday in October.

3. That we affirm our unalterable opposition to the liquor business and confident belief in its ultimate overthrow.

4. That we recommend ministers and sessions as far as possible to work with and assist the accredited organizations that are contending for local option, law enforcement and prohibition, state or national, and for temperance reform generally.

In this connection the Synod was addressed by William H. Anderson of the Anti-Saloon League.

It was resolved, that the Synod of New York in annual session assembled in Watertown, October 18–20, 1917 respectfully petition the President of the United States and our representatives in both branches of the National Congress to do all in their power to bring about statutory National prohibition of the manufacture, sale and importation of all kind of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes, throughout the United States, and its possessions and to do this at the earliest possible moment.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod petition the Representatives of the State of New York in Congress to do all in their power to bring about in the House of Representatives the passage of the proposed National Prohibition Amendment resolution recently passed by the Senate of the United States in order that the said proposed Amendment may be sent down to the State Legislature at the earliest possible moment.

3. That it is the sense of the Synod of New York that every effort be made by the President of the United States and Congress to continue in Europe the moral safeguards thrown about our soldiers and sailors in America and that the information be conveyed to those in authority in France and England that the moral and religious people of America are deeply concerned lest through mistaken knowledge, wine or liquor rations be furnished the American forces and the continuation of the sympathy and love now binding these nations, as they bear a common burden and a common sorrow, be hindered in any particular.

4. That these four resolutions be manifolded and the Stated Clerk of Synod be directed to send a copy to the President, to our two Senators and to each of our representatives in Congress.

The following telegram was read:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 18, 1917.

Rev. Allan Macy Dulles, D.D., Watertown, N. Y., Moderator of the Synod of New York:

I am deeply grateful to the Synod of New York for the expressions of appreciation of my public services. Those who bear the responsibilities, in these critical days, find no higher tribute from their countrymen than in the commenda-

tion of earnest Christians who realize the righteousness of the cause to which the Republic is dedicated and offer their prayers in behalf of those who serve.

ROBERT LANSING,
Secretary of State.

The following reply was received from President Wilson:

My Dear Dr. Dulles:

I am warmly grateful to you and to Dr. Jacks and the members of the Synod of New York for the very kind message you sent me and I send my cordial thanks to you and to every one concerned. It cheers and strengthens me to know that I am remembered in your prayers. Cordially and sincerely yours,

(Signed) WOODROW WILSON.

Rev. Allan Macy Dulles, D.D., Moderator Synod of New York, Watertown, N. Y.

The First Church of Binghamton which celebrates its Centennial November 20, 1917, requested the Synod to be represented by its Moderator on that occasion and their request was granted and the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Dulles was thus commissioned.

Recess was then taken until 2 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, October 18, 1917, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer was offered and business was resumed.

The report of the Woman's Synodical Society on Home Missions was presented and its substance was ordered printed in the Minutes as follows:

The year chronicles a year of progress and not of retrogression. In these days when so many appeals of every kind and nature are coming to us we rejoice that the women of our churches, both old and young have been so faithful to their pledges and our receipts have increased.

Offerings from all sources have increased by $4,000 over last year.

There are 658 Women's Societies with a membership of 28,445. Young Women's Societies have increased from 80 to 104 organizations.

Westminster Guilds and Circles now total 70 with 1,265 members. They are working for the Haines Hospital, Alaska, Dorland Institute, Hot Springs, North Carolina and Mayaguez, Porto Rico.

Christian Endeavor Societies have about held their own. Light Bearers and Little Light Bearers have lost only six Bands. An encouraging light of promise is the growth of Mission Study Classes from 176 to 193 with a membership of 3,311. Each class is a link in the chain binding old and young to a greater interest in Missions.

There is apparently a loss in subscriptions to our magazines.

Our work is great and our interests manifold in all parts of our land.

True it is that "the mills will never grind again with the waters that are past." Realizing this fact, we should review the past, rectify our mistakes and make the future rich in every way, to the glory of him "Who is over all, God blessed forever."

The Committee to Nominate the Woman's Committee on Home Missions offered its report which was accepted. The persons named were appointed and their names were ordered printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The following action was taken:

Resolved, That a Committee appointed by the Moderator shall secure from the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries who shall obtain from the individual churches of their respective Presbyteries a complete roster of Presbyterian men, boys and women, who are officers, privates, nurses and detailed Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. workers and are now faithfully and loyally following the colors in army, navy, aviation, hospitals and ambulance service for the defense and preservation of religious and civil liberty and freedom.

2. *Resolved*, That the number who, as of this date and up to January 1, 1918 are thus serving their country shall constitute an honor roll of the Synod of New York and be made a part of our permanent records.

3. That this Committee continue in service during the process of the war and add to the honor list, the names of those who shall later serve in defense of the country.

The Moderator appointed the following committee: Rev. J. Milton Thompson, D.D., Rev. Frank B. Cowan and Mr. G. P. Conard.

The following paper was presented and adopted:

Resolved, That Synod empower the Moderator to appoint a Committee of five of which he shall be one, to take into consideration a revision of the Standing Committees, looking toward a more efficient administration and work of Synod and to report to the Synod of 1918.

The following were appointed such Committee, the Moderator, Dr. Charles S. Butler, Rev. Messers Thomas C. Straus, John A. MacIntosh, D.D., and John J. Lawrence, D.D.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures recommended that no action be taken relating to a motion offered by the Lord's Day Alliance but that a Special Committee be appointed by the Synod

to take into consideration the claims of the New York Sabbath Committee and the Lord's Day Alliance as to their endorsement by the churches within our jurisdiction. The recommendation was approved and the following Committee was appointed: Rev. Drs. Alexander Alison, Ralph W. Brokaw, Darwin F. Pickard, and Elder J. H. Stevenson, Fred I. Bower and Col. D. S. Alexander.

The report on the Freedmen's Board, Rev. Anthony N. Petersen, chairman, was presented and accepted. Its main features are as follows:

The Presbyterian Church believing, that the negro is naturally and deeply religious has maintained aggressive religious work in his behalf. It is well to educate him, wise to teach him a trade, but without religion, the negro would be a constant menace to society and the State.

It is with gratitude to almighty God that we read the 52d annual report of the Board of Missions for Freedmen. It is one of the best ever brought to the General Assembly of our church. The sum total of the receipts of the Board amounted to $417,000, an increase over last year of over $154,000. This unusual increase, it must be noted was caused by the gift of a $100,000 annuity fund in support of one of the large seminaries under the care of the Board. The above amount one individual to be known as "A Friend of the Negro" quietly and unassumingly turned over to the Board. We thank God for such gracious givers—may their tribe increase to the glory of God, and the coming of His Kingdom.

Our own Synod did well, but the Synod of Pennsylvania far surpassed our gifts to the Board giving over twice as much. Comparisons are not always pleasant, but give food for thought, and at times incentive to greater zeal and activity. May we not before we close this report note the passing of a great and useful friend to the negro—Dr. Frisselle, for many years the working head and heart of Hampton Institute, that splendid school of education, industry and religion—may the mantle of Dr. Frisselle fall upon one who knows and loves the negro as he did.

As the war cloud still hangs over us the Board with prudence and forethought has taken up another year's work modifying some of its plans to suit the present situation.

A negro trained and educated in religion and in the word of God proves not a menace but a blessing to our land.

As men fought to make him free let us give, and labor, and pray that he may know the larger liberty of the Sons of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Committee on Finance presented its report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted as follows:

1. That the usual appropriation of $100 to the local church of Watertown to defray expenses incident to the entertainment of Synod be paid and that in future the appropriation for the same purpose shall be at least $200.

2. That appropriations of $20 to the janitor of the First Church, $10 to the janitor of the Y. M. C. A., and $5 to the janitor of the Stone Street Church, all of this city be granted.

3. That an appropriation of a sum not to exceed $400 for the current fiscal year be granted to the Committee on Religious Education to be used for the proposed work of that Committee. In making this recommendation we bear in mind that the Synod has appropriated the sum of $100 for the current fiscal year for the work of the Committee on the Board of Education.

4. That the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to subscribe from the "Special Fund" in his possession the sum of $1,000 for the new Liberty Bonds.

5. That the Stated Clerk be requested to prepare copies of the sermon of the retiring Moderator, Rev. Harlan G. Mendenhall, D.D., and forward them to the religious papers with a request from the Synod that it be published.

6. Your Committee would recommend that the assessment for the current fiscal year be fixed at six mills per communicant.

7. Your Committee having examined the books, vouchers and bank books of the Treasurer, would respectfully state that the same are correct as per vouchers on file, each bearing due receipt. Total balance in bank as reported by the Treasurer is $2252.94.

The Treasurer's report in detail is as follows for the year ending October 1, 1917:

RECEIPTS

Amount on hand as per last report	$2,448.62	
Refund from Committee on Religious Education	5.42	
From Presbyteries	1,215.94	
Interest	64.68	
		$3,734.66

DISBURSEMENTS

Temporary Clerks, 1916	$ 40.00
Newburgh Church and Sexton	140.00
Salary Stated Clerk	400.00
Salary Permanent Clerk	150.00
Committee on Foreign Missions	100.00
Expenses, Chairmen of Presbytery Committees at Pre-Synodical Conference	171.06
Expenses of Chairmen Synod's Committee's at Newburgh, 1916	57.84
Committees, Board of Education and Religious Education	97.10

Printing reports	$ 48.20	
Postage, etc., Stated Clerk and incidentals	21.50	
Printing Minutes and postage	245.63	
Postage and expenses of Treasurer	10.39	
		$1,481.72
Balance on hand, October 1917		$2,252.94
Due from Presbytery of Genesee		$ 19.16

The Board of Church Erection, Rev. Frank M. Kerr, D.D., offered its report which was accepted and the following recommendations were adopted:

During the year 202 churches and 96 manses have been aided at an outlay of $537,870. There has been a gain of $19,000 from the church offerings and $50,000 from other sources.

The only weakness in the financial situation exists in the Manse Fund which needs supplementing. Efforts to improve this condition will result in much good to the whole Church, for the providing of a suitable house for the minister will make possible the continuance of the Church as a great denominational force.

There was great disappointment in not being able to raise $200,000, as directed by the Assembly of 1916, to assist congregations in building churches in the vicinity of Presbyterian Colleges and State Universities; yet the Board stands ready to respond to the calls of such churches from balance in the treasury. The Assembly of 1917 approved a plan whereby the Board of Church Erection and the Board of Education might confer with the Executive Commission to effect a plan for the religious culture of Presbyterian students in colleges and universities.

Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon this phase of the work, and the encouragement of the Synod should be given to it.

Another work of co-operation suggested by the action of the last Assembly is with the Extension Committees of Presbyteries in the purchase of sites and erection of churches at strategic points in and about the large cities.

This idea shows forethought on the part of these agencies of the Church and should have the encouragement of the Synod, for within our bounds we have some of the greatest Home Mission problems due to our great centers of population and large foreign-speaking population.

The following recommendations are offered:

1. That Synod suggests to the Presbyteries that efforts be made to encourage Churches, financially able to respond, to repay old Grants.

2. That special efforts be made to assist the Board through the Presbyteries to secure funds for the Manse Building project.

3. That the Presbyteries through their proper committees be requested to emphasize the great importance of the Board of Church Erection and to stimulate

the offerings for its work on account of the direct relationship it bears to the whole missionary plan of the Church at large.

Rev. Simeon B. Dunn, D.D., presented the work of the National Reform Association. In this connection the following action was taken:

Whereas, A call has been issued by the proper authority for the Third World's Christian Citizenship Conference to be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., U. S. A., July 2–9, 1918 under the direction of the National Reform Association and the citizens of Pittsburgh represented by the Commercial Club and

Whereas, This conference will attract the attention and thoughtful consideration of active pastors in the world's progress and

Whereas, This body, the Synod of New York, is ever ready to serve, in any cause looking to the betterment of mankind, especially in this hour of the world's crisis, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Synod endorse the proposed Conference and hereby commits itself to a sympathetic interest in the said Conference, to earnest prayer for its success and a cordial and practical co-operation in its endeavors.

The Committee to Collate the reports of the Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries reported recommending that the records of the following Presbyteries be signed as approved: Albany, Binghamton, Brooklyn, Cayuga, Champlain, Chemung, Columbia, Geneva, Nassau, New York, North River, Otsego, Rochester, St. Lawrence, Syracuse, Troy, Utica, and Westchester.

The records of the following Presbyteries are recommended for approval with exceptions as follows:

1. Buffalo. Minutes fail to indicate that a final prayer was offered at the close of meetings as recorded on pages 409, 444, and 446.

2. Long Island. On page 159, the record of attendance is incomplete. On page 166 the date given as April 17 should be April 18.

On page 179, ninth line the word "*approved*" should be "*improved.*"

3. Lyons. The minutes of the meeting called for October 1 are not recorded.

4. Niagara. Page 338. The Presbytery, in its action is in error in deciding that an elder who is not a member of the particular meeting of Presbytery where Commissioners to the Synod and General Assembly are elected is not eligible to election to these higher courts. It is recommended that the Presbytery be referred to the Form of Government, Chapter 13, Section 8, also to the Digest of the General Assembly edition of 1907, page 279, and to the prevailing custom in the Presbyteries of the church.

5. Porto Rico. That the records be approved with this exception that the attendance at the sessions of May 3 and June 21, 1917 is not recorded.

6. That the records of the Presbyteries of Genesee and Hudson were not presented. The absence of the records of the Troy Presbytery last year was satisfactorily explained.

The report of the Collating Committee was accepted and its several recommendations were adopted:

The following message was ordered sent to H. C. Hoover, Food Administrator, Washington, D. C.:

The Synod of New York of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, in Session at Watertown, N. Y., representing 947 churches, 230,900 communicants and 700,000 adherents recognize the wisdom and fidelity of the Department of Food Administration during the war.

We pledge to you our prayers and heartiest support in your difficult and important task.

We feel that our hands would be strengthened in our support of your Department if the amount of food stuffs now going into the production of malted and vinous liquors could be eliminated or materially reduced. We understand that the Food Law gives this power to the President.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the usual bills and salaries.

The Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D.D., was re-elected Stated Clerk of Synod, Rev. Daniel A. Ferguson, D.D., Permanent Clerk, and Elder John T. D. Blackburn of Albany, Treasurer, all for the full term of five years.

The following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted:

The beautiful city of Watertown most graciously has opened its doors to us and with abounding hospitality has entertained the thirty-sixth Annual Session of the Synod of New York, of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. Our needs and comfort have been provided for with unusual solicitude.

Therefore be it resolved, That we give our cordial thanks to this generous First Presbyterian Church and its beloved pastor, the Rev. Dr. Darwin F. Pickard for making us its guest and for doing all in its power to assist us in performing our function with efficiency and to the other Presbyterian Churches in this city for their co-operation, to the choir of this church that has led us so finely in sacred song, to the people of this entire community who have permitted us while here to share their homes with them and to any others, who in ways less conspicuous perhaps, have tried to make our stay in Watertown so pleasant and successful.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that the following

members of the Synod had been permitted, for adequate reasons, to withdraw, before the close of the sessions and the report was accepted:

Presbytery of Albany: *Elder*—Frank Kelley.

Binghamton: *Ministers*—John J. Lawrence, Alvin C. Sawtelle; *Elder*—James J. Glann.

Brooklyn: *Ministers*—Herbert H. Field, T. C. Roberts-Horsfield, George M. Nicholls; *Elder*—Dr. L. D. Mason.

Buffalo: *Ministers*—Oliver F. Chittick, William H. Leach; *Elders*—Col. D. S. Alexander, F. F. McCallum.

Cayuga: *Minister*—John A. MacIntosh.

Champlain: *Minister*—Edward Turkington; *Elder*—Myron B. Wells.

Genesee: *Ministers*—John D. Thomas, John M. Van Tillburg; *Elder*—W. S. Wilcox.

Geneva: *Elder*—John E. Lansing.

Hudson: *Ministers*—Albert E. Chamberlain, Charles M. Ackerman; *Elder*—Dr. G. H. Vernon.

Long Island: *Minister*—Arthur M. Elliott.

Lyons: *Minister*—C. M. Creighton.

New York: *Ministers*—George S. Webster, D. E. Lorenz, Albert D. Gantz, Robert Watson; *Elders*—William S. Bennet, E. B. Southwick., John F. Drake, William B. Hills, George Doull, William Thomson.

Niagara: *Minister*—Willis P. Hume.

Otsego: *Ministers*—John C. Rankin, Walter D. Cavert; *Elder*—Ferris E. Davis.

Rochester: *Ministers*—William H. Dexter, C. Waldo Cherry, James L. Jewell, Theodore T. Hays, Theodore M. Carlisle, Joseph Sunter;

St. Lawrence: *Ministers*—James Robertson, Robert B. Perine.

Steuben: *Minister*—Albert B. Scofield.

Syracuse: *Ministers*—Henry A. Porter, Ralph E. DeKay; *Elder*—Fred L. Fisher.

Troy: *Ministers*—Richard Abbott, James W. Bump; *Elder*—William H. Hollister, Jr.

Utica: *Minister*—Sherman W. Haven; *Elder*—Fred F. Shirley.

Westchester: *Ministers*—Thomas C. Straus, Anthony N. Peterson, Andrew Szilagyi, *Elders*—Rodney Gibson, Frederick I. Pugsley, Charles J. Dunlap.

The several Standing Committees were called and having no further business to present were discharged.

The Pastor of the Lancaster Church invited the members of

the Synod to attend the Centennial Celebration of that church which is to occur February 7, 1918.

The roll was called and the following members were recorded as absent without the permission of the Synod.

Presbytery of Brooklyn: *Elders*—John E. Wallace, W. H. Mills.

Otsego: *Elder*—Thomas Beach.

Rochester: *Elder*—Stewart Gray.

Syracuse: *Elder*—Dr. F. H. Stephenson.

The remaining minutes were read and approved.

There being no further business, the Synod adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Syracuse, N. Y., Tuesday, October 8th, 1918 at half past seven o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction by the Moderator.

DANIEL A. FERGUSON,
Permanent Clerk.

ATTEST:

J. WILFORD JACKS,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX

I. REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIES

I. **The Presbytery of Albany** consists of 65 ministers and 49 churches, and has under its care six candidates.

Ministers received:

December 12, 1916, Rev. John Stewart, from the Presbytery of Delaware of the United Presbyterian Church;

January 9, 1917, Rev. Paul Stratton, from the Presbytery of Westchester;

April 17, Rev. John S. Laing, from the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 17, 1917, Horace A. Weller.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:

November 1, 1916, Rev. Raymond C. Hoag and the Freehold Church of Charlton;

January 9, 1917, Rev. Wm. H. Stubblebine, Ph.D., and Albany Sixth;

April 17, Rev. Joseph T. Curtin and Hamilton Union of Guilderland;

June 3, Rev. John A. McDonald and New Scotland;

June 30, Rev. Edward R. James and the Greenbush Church of Rensselaer; Rev. Edwin N. Kline and the Stephentown church of Garfield; Rev. Spencer M. Adsit and the Voorheesville church.

Ordination:

December 12, 1916, William H. Freeman.

Installations:

January 12, 1917, Rev. Paul Stratton over the State Street Church of Schenectady;

June 12, Rev. William H. Freeman over the Carlisle Church;

July 11, Rev. Edwin N. Kline over the Tribes Hill Church.

Ministers dismissed:

November 1, 1916, Rev. Raymond C. Hoag to the Presbytery of Lake Superior;

December 12, Rev. James C. Dorward to the Presbytery of Binghamton; Rev. Charles P. Way to the Presbytery of Philadelphia North;

April 17, 1917, Rev. Joseph T. Curtin to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;

September 18, Rev. William H. Stubblebine, Ph.D., to the Presbytery of Yellowstone.

Minister deceased:

October 15, 1916, Rev. Henry N. Dunning, in New York City, aged 51.

II. **The Presbytery of Binghamton** consists of 39 ministers, 35 churches and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:

February 14, 1917, Rev. William Bishop Gates from the Presbytery of New York; Rev. James C. Dorward from the Presbytery of Albany; Rev. Frank E. Van Wie from the Presbytery of Lackawanna;

April 17, Rev. Charles L. Carlucci from the Westfield Baptist Association after examination.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:

October 30, 1916, Rev. John L. Winnemore and the Church at Nichols;
November 13, Rev. Paul R. Hoppe, Ph.D., and the Church at McGraw;
July 30, 1917, Rev. Parke Richards and the Church at Waverly.

Installations:

October 11, 1916, Rev. Aaron C. Stuart over the Church at Hancock;

December 12, Rev. Paul R. Hoppe, Ph.D., over the Ross Memorial Church at Binghamton;

February 26, 1917, Rev. Frank E. Van Wie over the Church at McGraw;
September 26, Rev. James C. Dorward over the Church at Conklin.

Ministers dismissed:

October 13, 1916, Rev. John L. Winnemore to the Presbytery of Geneva;
February 14, 1917, Rev. John S. Laing to the Presbytery of Albany;
July 30, Rev. Parke Richards to the Presbytery of North River.

Name dropped from the roll:

April 17, 1917, Candidate E. Pierce Wilson.

Suspended:

June 11, 1917, Rev. H. Lewis Smith for contumacy.

Churches enrolled:

March 20, 1917, North Church of Cortland organized.

III. **The Presbytery of Brooklyn** consists of 88 ministers, 47 churches and has under its care one licentiate and ten candidates.

Ministers received:

November, 1916, Rev. James E. Harper from the Presbytery of Cincinnati; Rev. Geo. M. Nicholls from the Presbytery of Connecticut Valley;

April 23, 1917, Rev. Wm. J. Macdonald from the South Classis of Long Island R. C. A.;

June 25, Rev. Louis E. Holden, D.D., from the Presbytery of Wooster; Rev. E. Blake MacDonald from the Presbytery of New York.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 23, 1917, Irvin S. Macdonald;
September 24, Fred'k H. Wilson.

Licentiates received:

November 27, 1916, John R. Campbell from the East Conference of M. E. Church.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:

April 23, 1917, Rev. Carl Podin and Glenmore Avenue Church;

September 24, Rev. W. I. Davenport, D.D., and Duryea Church; Rev. J. J. Macdonald, D.D., and South Church.

Ordination:

December 7, 1916, Licentiate John R. Campbell.

Installations:

December 7, 1916, Rev. J. R. Campbell over Cuyler Church;
December 15, Rev. Geo. M. Nicholls over Ainslie Street Church;
May 3, 1917, Rev. W. J. Macdonald over Springfield Church;
July 1, Rev. E. Blake MacDonald over Bensonhurst Church.

Ministers dismissed:

January 22, 1917, Rev. W. H. Wilson, D.D., to the Presbytery of Westchester;
April 23, Rev. C. T. Edwards, D.D., to the Presbytery of Philadelphia North;
September 24, Rev. C. B. Swartz to the Presbytery of Chester.

Dropped from roll:

March 26, 1917, Rev. Wm. N. Richie, D.D., who demitted the ministry;
April 23, Fred Allen, candidate for the ministry.

Church enrolled:

December 12, 1916, Rosedale Church of Rosedale, Long Island.

Church dissolved:

September 24, 1917, South Church of Brooklyn.

Deaths:

December 28, 1916, Rev. J. Glentworth Butler, D.D., LL.D., aged 95 at Boonton, N. J.
February 22, 1917, Rev. Frederic Campbell, Sc.D., aged 60 at Beaver Falls, N. Y.

Treasurer of Presbytery:

Mr. A. R. Miller, 37 Wall St., New York City.

IV. **The Presbytery of Buffalo** consists of 75 ministers, 58 churches and has under its care one licentiate and four candidates.

Ministers received:

February 5, 1917, Rev. Wm. H. Leach from the Presbytery of Utica;
February 19, Rev. Edgar Mason Smead from the Presbytery of Erie; Rev. E. J. Feuersohn from the Presbytery of Philadelphia of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Covenanters; Rev. Leo A. Gates from the Presbytery of Rochester;
April 16, Rev. Robert P. Gibson from the Presbytery of Westchester;
October 1, Rev. G. Taylor Wright from the Presbytery of Utica; Rev. Joel Clark Glover, D.D., from the Presbytery of Steuben; Rev. Henry H. McMaster from the Presbytery of Cleveland; Rev. James G. Currie from the London Conference of the M. E. Church of Canada; Rev. C. H. Wirth from the Congregational Association of Portland, Oregon.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery:
April 16, 1917, William C. Mitchell;
October 1, Paul Silas Heath; Frederick W. Baecher.

Licentiate received:
October 1, 1917, Earl Leroy Douglass from the Presbytery of New York.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:
December 4, 1916, Rev. A. W. Grigg, and the Bethlehem Church, Buffalo;
January 1, 1917, Rev. Edwin H. Dickinson, D.D., and the North Church, Buffalo;
April 2, Rev. James J. Coale and the Bethel Church, Lackawanna;
May 16, Rev. David R. Jones and the First Presbyterian Church, Tonawanda;
September 2, Rev. Charles H. Couch and the Hamburg Church;
October 1, Rev. Arthur O. Stockbridge and the Conewango Church.

Ordination:
May 16, 1917, Kenneth J. McLennan.

Installations:
December 4, 1916, Rev. Clarence H. Benson over the Bethlehem Church, Buffalo;
February 7, Rev. Edgar M. Smead over the Olean Church;
March 14, 1917, Rev. William H. Leach over the Alden and Crittenden Churches.

Ministers dismissed:
December 4, 1916, Rev. Robert G. Higginbotham to the Presbytery of Rochester;
February 5, 1917, Rev. W. S. Carter to the Presbytery of Erie; Rev. Clinton Jennings Greene o the Presbytery of Williamette;
February 19, Rev. William Hart Dexter to the Presbytery of Rochester; Rev. James S. Moore to the Otsego Presbytery;
April 2, Rev. James J. Coale to the Presbytery of Baltimore;
April 10, Rev. Edwin H. Dickinson, D.D., to the Presbytery of Cayuga;
May 16, Rev. David R. Jones to the Presbytery of Syracuse;
August 31, Rev. Charles H. Couch to the Congregational Conference of Cleveland, Ohio;
October 1, Rev. Arthur O. Stockbridge to the Presbytery of Baltimore; Rev. Kenneth J. McLennan to the Presbytery of Aberdeen.

Death:
Rev. Newton L. Reed, August 6, 1917.

V. **The Presbytery of Cayuga** consists of 50 ministers, 23 churches and has under its care 13 licentiates and 10 candidates.

Ministers received:
November 21, 1916, Rev. C. Carson Bransby, from the Presbytery of Otsego; Rev. Genano Giordano, from Litchfield No. Congregational Association;

April 10, 1917, Rev. Arnold Smith, from the Presbytery of Athens;
July 30, Rev. Homer D. Pease, from Lake George Baptist Association.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:
November 21, 1916, Arthur W. Ratz, received from the Presbytery of Galena; John B. Landon;
April 10, 1917, W. Miles Phillips, Louis Manelli; Alfred W. Lees, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia North; David B. Thomas, from the Presbytery of Kansas City; O. D. Dutcher, from the Presbytery of Denver; Walter B. Brock, from the Presbytery of Washington City;
May 3, Victor C. Detty, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna; Leonard Duckett, from the Presbytery of Cedar Rapids; David W. Gove, from the Presbytery of Red Sandstone.

Candidates licensed:
April 10, 1917, Walter B. Brock, Walter O. Benthin, Charles H. Dayton, Alfred W. Lees, William H. Murphy, Robert Schwenck, O. D. Dutcher.

Licentiates dismissed:
April 10, 1917, H. V. Frelick, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence; O. D. Dutcher, to Lyons Presbytery;
May 3, Victor C. Detty, to the Presbytery of Cumberland Mountain.

Ordinations:
May 3, 1917, Edward W. Robinson, Edward W. Perry, Robert B. Rock.

Installations:
October 6, 1916, Rev. Charles J. Wood, over the Church at Weedsport;
December 13, Rev. C. Carson Bransby, over the Second Church, Auburn;
April 26, 1917, Rev. Arnold Smith, over the Church in Dryden.

Minister dismissed:
July 30, 1917, Rev. Homer D. Pease, to the Presbytery of Rochester.

VI. **The Presbytery of Champlain** consists of 20 ministers and 22 churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received:
April 9, 1917, Rev. Edward Turkington, from the Presbytery of Minnedosa, Presbyterian Church of Canada; Rev. Alexander G. Howat from the Presbytery of Bruce, of the same Church;
April 23, Rev. Almon T. Fuller, from the Presbytery of Otsego.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:
August 14, 1917, between Rev. George R. Mott and the Church at Chazy;
September 18, between Rev. Arthur B. Ross and the Church at Essex.

Installations:
April 24, 1917, Rev. Edward Turkington over the Church at Chateaugay;
April 25, Rev. Alexander G. Howat over the Church at Burke;
May 29, Rev. Charles A. Lawrence over the Church at Mineville.

Minister dismissed:
September, 18, 1917, Rev. Arthur B. Ross to Franklin and Grand Isle Association of Congregational Churches.

Licentiate transferred:
June 4, 1917, Charles F. Fraser to the Presbytery of New York.

VII. **The Presbytery of Chemung** consists of 17 ministers, 20 churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Minister received:
February 15, 1917, Rev. Robert C. Hallock, D.D., from Rochester Presbytery.

Pastoral Relation dissolved:
October 23, 1916, Rev. Frank H. Bisbee, and Dundee Church.

Installation:
February 15, 1917, Rev. Robert C. Hallock, D.D., over Dundee Church.

Ministers dismissed:
October 23, 1916, Rev. Frank H. Bisbee to Steuben Presbytery;
May 29, 1917, Rev. Courtland C. Van Deusen to the Presbytery of West Shantung, China.

Candidate transferred:
George Robin to the Presbytery of Kansas City.

Death:
November 29, 1916, Charles H. Kilmer, age 73.

VIII. **The Presbytery of Chile** consists of 20 ministers, 19 churches and has under its care 30 local evangelists and 7 candidates.

IX. **The Presbytery of Columbia** consists of 16 ministers and 17 churches, and has under its care 2 local evangelists.

Minister received:
April 18, 1917, the Rev. Charles F. Aue, from the Presbytery of Portland.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:
September 18, 1917, Charles F. Robson.

Candidates licensed:
December 4, 1916, J. Raymond Waite;
April 17, 1917, David B. Van Dyck;
September 18, Charles F. Robson, as local evangelist.

Ordinations:
December 4, 1916, J. Raymond Waite.
April 17, 1917, David B. Van Dyck.

Installation:
December 4, 1916, Rev. J. Raymond Waite, over the Church at Valatie.

X. **The Presbytery of Eastern Persia** consists of 13 ministers, 4 churches, and has under its care 2 candidates.

XI. **The Presbytery of Genesee** consists of 23 ministers and 18 churches, and has three candidates under its care.

Minister received:

September 25, 1917, Rev. David H. Edwards, from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:

September 25, 1916, between Rev. Leon S. Lacey and the Church at Byron;
December 18, between Rev. Michael B. Bubb and the Church at East Bethany.

Installation:

October 25, 1917, Rev. David H. Edwards over the Church at Attica.

Ministers dismissed:

December 18, 1916, Rev. Michael B. Bubb to the Presbytery of Wellsboro;
September 25, 1917, Rev. Leon S. Lacey to the Presbytery of Lyons;
October 25, Rev. Alfred F. Pratt to the Presbytery of Wooster.

XII. **The Presbytery of Geneva** consists of 26 ministers, 20 churches, and has under its care five candidates.

Minister received:

November 6, 1916, Rev. John L. Winnemore from the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Candidates licensed:

November 6, 1916, Samuel A. Page;
April 17, 1917, Lawrence P. Van Slyke, Seth N. Genung.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:

August 20, 1917, between Rev. Guy L. Morrill and the Church of Canandaigua;
September 18, between Rev. Herbert E. Andrews and the Church of Dresden.

Ordination:

May 17, 1917, Lawrence P. Van Slyke.

Installation:

December 1, 1916, Rev. John L. Winnemore over the Church of Gorham.

Ministers dismissed:

May 17, 1917, Rev. Lawrence P. Van Slyke to the Presbytery of Lyons;
August 20, Rev. Guy L. Morrill to the Presbytery of Philadelphia North.

Licentiates dismissed:

November 6, 1916, Samuel A. Page to the Presbytery of Wellsboro;
April 17, 1917, William M. Mackay to the Presbytery of Utica.

XIII. **The Presbytery of Hudson** consists of 49 ministers and 47 churches.

Ministers received:

January 9, 1917, Rev. Raymond H. Stearns from the Presbytery of Champlain;

April 17, Rev. Joseph Z. Faivre from the Presbytery of Chester;
June 19, Rev. Adrian Van Oeveren, from New Castle Presbytery.

Candidate taken under the care of Presbytery:
September 15, 1917, Marvin J. Pitham.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
November 3, 1916, between Rev. Ralph W. Rowland and the Circleville Church;
June 1, 1917, between Rev. Lowrie D. Corie and the Palisades Church;
August 10, between Rev. Robert I. MacBride and the Stony Point Church;
September 18, between Rev. Luther B. Plumer and the Otisville Church.

Ordinations:
April 19, 1917, John Villanti.
May 3, Royal L. Neufeld.

Installations:
February 4, 1917, Rev. Raymond H. Stearns over the Hamptonburgh Church;
May 1, Rev. Joseph Z. Faivre over the Amity Church;
May 3, Rev. Royal L. Neufeld, over the Cochecton Church;
July 10, Rev. Adrian Van Oeveren over the Circleville Church.

Ministers dismissed:
November 3, 1916, Rev. Ralph W. Rowland to Wellsboro Presbytery;
May 8, 1917, Rev. Lowrie D. Corie to Jersey City Presbytery;
June 19, Rev. Robert J. Lockhart to the Otsego Presbytery;
August 10, Rev. Robert I. MacBride to West Jersey Presbytery.

XIV. **The Presbytery of Long Island** consists of 26 ministers and 24 churches.

Pastoral Relation dissolved:
September 11, 1917, between Rev. Walter A. Henricks and the Church of Sag Harbor.

Church enrolled:
September 12, 1917, Bethel, of Southampton.

XV. **The Presbytery of Lyons** consists of 24 ministers and 18 churches.

Ministers received:
April 10, 1917, Rev. Winfield S. Morrow from the Presbytery of Wooster; Rev. Clarence N. Platt from the Presbytery of Northern Arizona;
May 17, Rev. Omeja D. Dutcher, from the Presbytery of Cayuga;
September 17, Rev. Lawrence P. Van Slyke from the Presbytery of Geneva.

Licentiate received:
September 17, 1917, Marvin F. Hogenboon.

Candidate licensed:
September 17, 1917, Marvin F. Hogenboon.

Pastoral Relation dissolved:
April 11, 1917, between Rev. William A. Hallock and the Church at Williamson.

Ordination:
September 17, 1917, Marvin F. Hogenboon.

Installations:
May 8, 1917, Rev. Winfield F. Morrow over the Presbyterian Church at Joy; Rev. Winfield S. Morrow over the Presbyterian Church at Sodus Center.
May 17, Rev. Omeja D. Dutcher over the Presbyterian Church at North Rose;
April 24, Rev. Clarence N. Platt over the Presbyterian Church at Junius.

Ministers dismissed:
April 10, 1917, Rev. John C. Langford to the Presbytery of Sheridan;
September 17, Rev. William A. Hallock to the Presbytery of Rochester.

XVI. **The Presbytery of Nassau** consists of 30 ministers, 30 churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:
October 3, 1916, Rev. Frank Bertine Cowan from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;
October 3, Rev. L. Walter Stephens from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Candidate taken under care:
December 11, 1916, Ludvik Burian from the Presbytery of Baltimore.

Candidate licensed:
April 10, 1917, Ludvik Burian.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:
October 1, 1917, Rev. James B. Dare and Whitestone Church.

Ordination:
May 27, 1917, Ludvik Burian.

Installations:
October 20, 1916, Rev. Frank B. Cowan, over the Glen Cove Church;
October 26, Rev. L. Walter Stephens, over the Oceanside Church.

Ministers dismissed:
December 11, 1916, Rev. Joel B. Hayden, to Presbytery of Cleveland;
April 10, 1917, Rev. Ferdinand V. D. Garretson, to Presbytery of New York.

Death.
February 18, 1917, Rev. Lyman D. Calkins, D.D., Westfield, N. J.

XVII. **The Presbytery of New York** consists of 184 ministers, 60 churches and has under its care three licentiates and 14 candidates.

Ministers received:
November 13, 1916, Rev. Henry F. Wilke from the Presbytery of North

River; Rev. James A. Fraser, Ph.D., B.D., from the Presbytery of Pittsburgh;

January 8, 1917, Rev. Emmet W. Rankin from the Presbytery of Freeport;

April 9, Rev. Harvey E. Holt from the Presbytery of Cleveland; Rev. A. B. Carrero from the Presbytery of Dallas; Rev. Ashmun C. Salley from the Southern Presbytery of Brazil; Rev. Fred Shaw from the Presbytery of Neosho; Rev. Thomas Guthrie Speers from the Presbytery of Newark;

June 11, Rev. Jerome W. Vavolo from the Lackawanna Presbytery; Rev. Ferdinand V. D. Garretson from the Nassau Presbytery; Rev. Thomas Barbieri from the Presbytery of Elizabeth;

October 1, Rev. Olin M. Jones from the Presbytery of Central Washington; Rev. Thomas F. Marshall from the Presbytery of Neosho.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

January 8, 1917, Rosario Valenti; John R. Topping;

April 9, Emerson O. Houser;

October 1, Artemy Pasteruck.

Licentiates received:

June 11, 1917, Mr. Earl Leroy Douglass from the Presbytery of Washington City; C. Frederic Fraser from the Presbytery of Champlain.

October 1, Mr. George F. Dewey from the Presbytery of Montreal.

Licentiate dismissed:

October 1, 1917, Earl Leroy Douglass to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:

November 13, 1916, Rev. Ira S. Dodd and Riverdale Presbyterian Church (made Pastor Emeritus).

January 28, 1917, Rev. Arthur H. Limouze and Northminster Presbyterian Church;

October 1, Rev. William M. Fincke and Greenwich Presbyterian Church.

Ordinations:

June 17, 1917, C. Frederic Fraser;

October 28, George F. Dewey.

Installations:

December 5, 1916, Rev. James A. Fraser, Ph.D., B.D., over the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewater;

April 22, 1917, Rev. Thomas Guthrie Speers, co-pastor of University Place Presbyterian Church.

Ministers dismissed:

November 13, 1916, Rev. Wm. Bishop Gates to the Presbytery of Binghamton;

December 31, Rev. Charles W. Welch to the Presbytery of Louisville;

January 8, 1917, Rev. Oliver Paul Barnhill to the Classis of New York; Rev. Arthur H. Limouze to the Presbytery of Cleveland;

March 12, Rev. Pietro Griglio to Classis of New York; Rev. Samuel Millar to North Jersey Congregational Association;
April 9, Rev. James G. Patterson, D.D., to Presbytery of Ardmore;
June 11, Rev. William W. Coe, D.D., to the North Jersey Association of Congregational Ministers; Rev. E. Blake MacDonald to the Presbytery of Brooklyn; Rev. Percy E. Erickson to the Presbytery of Cleveland; Rev. Richard S. Campbell to Presbytery of Elizabeth;
October 1, Rev. George S. Avery to Westchester Presbytery.

Candidates transferred:
January 8, 1917, Marcus A. Spencer to the Presbytery of Jersey City; T. Frank Kovacs to the Presbytery of Newark;
October 1, John A. Ongaro, to the Congregational Association of Brooklyn.

Ministers deceased:
October 11, 1916, Rev. Samuel Boult at Brooklyn, N. Y., aged 68;
October 15, Rev. Francis Brown, D.D., at New York, aged 66;
January 14, 1917, Rev. Rino Venturini at New York, aged 33;
January 15, Rev. William A. Bartlett, D.D., at New York, aged 86;
September 27, Rev. Charles P. Mallery, D.D., at New York.

Miscellaneous:
Name of Church changed, January 8, 1917, Scotch Presbyterian to Second Presbyterian Church.

Treasurer of Presbytery:
Mr. James Yereance, 128 Broadway, New York City.

XVIII. **The Presbytery of Niagara** consists of 21 ministers and 22 churches and has under its care three candidates for the ministry.

Minister received:
April 16, 1917, Rev. Alonzo Shafer from the Presbytery of Lima.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:
January 29, 1917, Harry J. Swan.

Pastoral Relation dissolved:
September 30, 1917, between Rev. U. S. Schaul and the Pierce Avenue Church, Niagara Falls.

Installations:
May 15, 1917, Rev. George A. Jameson over Calvary Church, Lockport;
June 5, Rev. Alonzo Shafer over the Wright's Corners Church.

Ministers dismissed:
September 24, 1917, Rev. F. B. Fraser to the Presbytery of Rochester.

XIX. **The Presbytery of North River** consists of 38 ministers, 30 churches and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received:
March 7, 1917, Rev. Putnam Cady, D.D., from the Presbytery of Newark;
September 3, Rev. Parke Richards from the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:
January 8, 1917, Howard A. Northacker.

Candidate received:
September 3, 1917, John Wesley Bready, from the Presbytery of Toronto, Canada.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:
November 27, 1916, Rev. Arthur N. Butz and Cornwall Church;
March 7, 1917, Rev. Wallace H. Carver and Beacon Church;
June 11, Rev. Fenerikus Bruins and Freedom Plains Church;
October 1, Rev. Frederick E. Stockwell and Newburgh First Church;
October 2, Rev. Forrest W. Beers, Ph.D., and Amenia South Church.

Ordination:
September 5, 1917, Rev. John Wesley Bready.

Installations:
October 20, 1916, Rev. George H. Cotton over Marlborough Church.
March 7, 1917, Rev. Putnam Cady, D.D., over Kingston Church;
September 5, 1917, Rev. John Wesley Bready over Cornwall Church;
September 18, Rev. Parke Richards over Beacon Church;

Ministers dismissed:
November 27, 1916, Rev. Raymond C. White and Rev. Arthur N. Butz to the Presbytery of Lehigh;
January 8, 1917, Rev. Wm. Parker, Ph.D., to the Presbytery of Westchester;
March 7, Rev. Wallace H. Carver to the Presbytery of Elizabeth;
June 11, Rev. Fenerikus W. Bruins to the Presbytery of Maumee;
October 1, Rev. Frederick E. Stockwell, D.D., to the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Deposed from ministry and excommunicated:
October 26, 1916, Rev. Arthur Worthington, LL.D.

Death:
November 23, 1916, Rev. T. Darlington Jester, at Schenectady, age 70.

XX. **The Presbytery of North Siam** consists of 19 ministers, 38 churches and has under its care one licentiate, 100 local evangelists and six candidates.

XXI. **The Presbytery of Otsego** consists of 32 ministers, 30 churches and one licentiate.

Ministers received:
April 16, 1917, Rev. Ward C. Peabody from the Presbytery of Newton; Rev. James G. Moore from the Presbytery of Buffalo; Rev. William E. Marshall from the Presbytery of Redstone;
April 17, Rev. Frederick L. Greene from the Presbytery of Elizabeth;
May 1, Rev. P. Lewis Lloyd from the Susquehanna Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches;

September 24, Rev. James Kelly Argo from the Presbytery of Philadelphia;
September 25, Rev. Frederick Perkins from the Classis of Montgomery.

Candidate licensed:
Devello S. Haynes.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:
October 13, 1916, between Rev. C. Carson Bransby and the Church at Margaretville;
January 3, 1917, between Rev. Janes W. Bump and the Church at Meridale
April 17, between Rev. Henry L. Achilles and the Church at Cherry Valley.

Installations:
May 8, 1917, Rev. Ward C. Peabody over the Church at Shavertown;
May 10, Rev. Frederick L. Greene over the Church at Margaretville and the Church at Pine Hill;
May 18, Rev. William E. Marshall over the Church at Springfield;
June 8, Rev. William D. Jones over the Church at Worcester.

Ministers dismissed:
October 13, 1916, Rev. C. Carson Bransby to the Presbytery of Cayuga;
January 3, 1917, Rev. James Walter Bump to the Presbytery of Troy;
April 17, Rev. Almon T. Fuller to the Presbytery of Champlain;
May 10, Rev. Charles D. Cook to the Presbytery of Chester;
September 25, Rev. Isaac H. Polhemus to the Presbytery of Newark.

Church enrolled:
April 16, 1917, Worcester, hitherto affiliated with Presbytery as a Congregational Church on the accommodation plan, on the unanimous petition of its members, was constituted and enrolled as a Presbyterian Church.

XXII. **The Presbytery of Porto Rico** consists of 24 ministers, 35 churches and has under its care nine licentiates and 11 local evangelists.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:
September 11, 1917, two.

Candidates licensed:
April 12, 1917, Christobal Lugo; Miguel Valentine.

Ordination:
May 3, 1917, Manuel Figueroa.

Installation:
July 25, 1917, Lewis Sanchez.

Minister dismissed:
April 11, 1917, Rev. H. C. Thompson, D.D., to the Presbytery of Los Angeles.
Rev. J. A. McAllister elected Treasurer in place of Rev. A. Roy Thompson.

XXIII. **The Presbytery of Rochester** consists of 66 ministers and 52 churches and has under its care five candidates for the ministry.

Ministers received:

January 15, 1917, Rev. Theodore T. Hays from the Presbytery of Niagara; Rev. Robert G. Higinbotham from the Presbytery of Buffalo; Rev. John Salastin from the Presbytery of New York;

March 5, Rev. Robert J. Young, D.D., from the Presbytery of Detroit; Rev. William Hart Dexter, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Buffalo;

April 9, Rev. Frederick A. Crandall from the Presbytery of Sioux City;

June 11, Rev. Horace P. V. Bogue, D.D., from the Presbytery of Houston; Rev. John W. Berger from the Presbytery of San Francisco-Oakland;

September 24, Rev. Fenwick B. Fraser from the Presbytery of Niagara; Rev. William A. Hallock from the Presbytery of Lyons; Rev. Homer D. Pease from the Presbytery of Cayuga; Rev. Stanley F. Gutelius from the Presbytery of Corning; Rev. John S. Wolff from the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

April 9, 1917, Richard H. Tullis.

Candidate licensed:

April 9, 1917, Livingston Bentley.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

January 8, 1917, between Rev. Robert C. Hallock, D.D., and the Church of Wheatland;

April 9, between Rev. A. D. D. Fraser and the Church of Moscow;

June 11, between Rev. Joseph Criswell and the Church of Ossian.

Installations:

January 18, 1917, Rev. Robert G. Higinbotham over the Church of Caledonia;

June 29, Rev. James A. Dodds, Ph.D., over the Church of Wheatland.

Ministers dismissed:

January 8, 1917, Rev. Robert C. Hallock, D.D., to the Presbytery of Chemung;

April 9, Rev. Leo Alvin Gates to the Presbytery of Buffalo;

June 11, Rev. Marshall Harrington to the Presbytery of New Brunswick; Rev. Joseph Criswell to the Presbytery of Steuben.

Deaths:

April 29, 1917, Rev. James T. Pollock, aged 82 years;

June 8, Rev. John M. Carmichael, aged 82 years;

August 19, Rev. Henry H. Stebbins, aged 79 years.

XXIV. **The Presbytery of St. Lawrence** consists of 31 ministers and 35 churches and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:

March 15, 1917, Rev. John Manley Spencer from the Presbytery of Southern Oregon; Rev. John M. Brockie from the Presbytery of Utica;

May 15, Rev. Joseph T. Curtin from the Presbytery of Albany.

Candidates received:
April 10, 1917, Allen G. Bowering and Stephen L. Joels.
Licentiate received:
May 15, 1917, H. Victor Frelick from the Presbytery of Cayuga.
Candidates licensed:
April 10, 1917, Alfred J. Penney;
September 25, 1917, Allen G. Bowering.
Pastoral relations dissolved:
November 13, 1916, between the Rev. Henry S. Huntington, Jr., and Hope Church, Watertown;
November 27, between the Rev. Harry Fred Smith and the Church at Brownville;
August 21, 1917, between the Rev. George A. Percival and the Church at Cape Vincent.
Ordinations:
April 16, 1917, Alfred J. Penney;
May 15, H. Victor Frelick;
October 4, Allen G. Bowering at DeKalb Junction.
Installations:
March 15, 1917, Rev. John M. Brockie over Hope Church, Watertown;
April 16, Rev. Alfred J. Penney over the Churches of Heuvelton and Flackville;
April 19, Rev. John Manley Spencer over the Church at Chamount;
May 15, Rev. H. Victor Frelick over the Church at Potsdam;
June 7, Rev. Joseph T. Curtin over the Church at Brownville.
Ministers dismissed:
August 14, 1917, Rev. Charles A. Anderson to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange;
August 21, Rev. George A. Percival to the Presbytery of Omaha.
Candidate transferred:
April 10, 1917, Presbytery was notified that Clarence H. Ford had joined a Church within the bounds of the Presbytery of Cayuga and had become a candidate under the care of that Presbytery.
Death:
January 22, 1917, Rev. George F. Walker, DeKalb Junction, N. Y., aged 66 years.

XXV. **The Presbytery of Siam** consists of 15 ministers, 13 churches and has under its care two licentiates, thirteen local evangelists and four candidates.

XXVI. **The Presbytery of Steuben** consists of 31 ministers, 25 churches and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received:
November 20, 1916, Rev. Frank H. Bisbee from the Presbytery of Chemung;

April 17, 1917, Rev. Paul M. Hasler from Hudson River Baptist Association;
May 22, Rev. Walter I. Eaton from the Tolland Co. Cong. Association;
September 18, Rev. Joseph Criswell from the Presbytery of Rochester;
Rev. Hugh Magill, M.D., from the Presbytery of Carlisle.

Licentiate received:
April 17, Thomas Tighe from the Genesee Conference, M. E. Church.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
December 12, 1916, Rev. Robert R. Watkins and the Church at Canaseraga;
April 17, 1917, Rev. Joel C. Glover and the Church at Canisteo.

Ordination:
June 1, 1917, Thomas Tighe at Canaseraga.

Installations:
October 19, 1916, Rev. George H. Wilkins over the Church at Arkport;
November 20, Rev. Frank H. Bisbee over the Church at Prattsburg;
May 22, 1917, Rev. Walter I. Eaton over the Westminster Church at Hornell;
June 1, Rev. Thomas Tighe over the Church at Canaseraga;
September 28, Rev. Hugh Magill, M.D., as pastor of the Church at Canisteo.

Minister dismissed:
April 17, 1917, Joel C. Glover to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

XXVII. **The Presbytery of Syracuse** consists of 43 ministers, 44 churches and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received:
June 4, 1917, Rev. David R. Jones from the Presbytery of Buffalo;
September 18, Rev. Charles M. Herrick from the Presbytery of Fort Wayne.

Candidates licensed:
April 10, 1917, David H. Edwards, Myron L. Morley, John Christoforetti.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
January 29, 1917, between Rev. E. Floyd Rippey and the First Church of Oswego;
June 8, between Rev. J. Howard Nichols and the Church of Collamer;
September 17, between Rev. Albert J. Thomas and the Church of Chittenango; between Rev. Walter L. Bennett and the Church of Canastota;
September 18, between Rev. Silas E. Persons, D.D., and the Church of Cazenovia.

Ordinations:
April 10, 1917, Vincent Bell;
April 22, David H. Edwards.

Installations:
June 7, 1917, Rev. Edward Winshurst over the Church of Jordan;
June 28, Rev. David R. Jones over the First Ward Church of Syracuse.

Ministers dismissed:
December 11, 1916, Rev. John B. Grant to the Presbytery of Utica;

January 29, 1917, Rev. J. N. Taft to the Central New York Association of Congregational Churches;
January 29, Rev. E. Floyd Rippey to the Presbytery of Muncie;
April 9, Rev. William Rice to the Presbytery of Philadelphia;
April 22, Rev. David H. Edwards to the Presbytery of Genesee;
September 17, Rev. Walter L. Bennett to the Oneida, Chenango and Delaware Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches;
September 18, Rev. Burt N. Weaver to the Presbytery of Arkansas; Rev. Silas E. Persons, D.D., to the Presbytery of Baltimore.
April 10, 1917, Elder Ernest W. Frost, 611 Court Street, Syracuse, N. Y., was elected Treasurer of Presbytery in place of Elder Willis G. Booth, resigned.

XXVIII. **The Presbytery of Troy** consists of 46 ministers, 36 churches and has under its care one licentiate and one candidate.

Ministers received:
February 19, 1917, Rev. Paul R. Hickok from the Presbytery of Washington City; Rev. James W. Bump from the Presbytery of Otsego;
April 16, 1917, Rev. Stephen B. Jacobian from the Presbytery of Jersey City.

Pastoral relation dissolved:
April 16, 1917, between Rev. Harry M. Taxis and the Schoonmaker Memorial Church of Stillwater.

Installations:
February 19, 1917, Rev. Paul R. Hickok over the Second Presbyterian Church of Troy;
February 26, Rev. James W. Bump over the Church at Schaghticoke.

Minister dismissed:
September 17, 1917, Rev. George A. Humphries to the Presbytery of Nassau.

XXIX. **The Presbytery of Utica** consists of 50 ministers, 43 churches, and has under its care one licentiate and eight candidates.

Ministers received:
December 13, 1916, Rev. John B. Grant, from the Presbytery of Syracuse;
April 10, 1917, Rev. Mills S. Grimes, from the Presbytery of Columbia River;
April 24, Rev. Charles L. Luther from the Presbytery of Grafton;
September 25, Rev. Victor M. Patterson from the Presbytery of Black Hills.

Licentiates received:
April 24, 1917, William M. Mackay from the Presbytery of Geneva;
May 23, Earnest E. Eells from the Presbytery of Providence.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
December 13, 1916, between Rev. Wm. H. Leach and Oneida Castle;
January 8, 1917, between Rev. John M. Brockie and Holland Patent;

April 10, 1917, between Rev. M. Woolsey Stryker and Hamilton College; between Rev. G. Taylor Wright and Turin and Martinsburg churches.

Ordinations:

May 23, 1917, William M. Mackay;
June 5, Edward E. Eells.

Installations:

April 24, 1917, Rev. Charles L. Luther over the Verona Church;
May 23, Rev. William M. Mackay, over the Oneida Castle Church;
June 5, Rev. Mills S. Grimes, over the Lyon's Falls Church;
June 6, Rev. Earnest E. Eells over the Boonville Church.

Ministers dismissed:

December 13, 1916, Rev. William H. Leach to the Presbytery of Buffalo;
January 8, 1917, Rev. John M. Brockie to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;
September 25, Rev. G. Taylor Wright to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Deaths:

December 13, 1916, Rev. Dana W. Bigelow, D.D., age 73 years;
April 21, 1917, Rev. Theodore F. Jessup, age 76 years.
A new Treasurer to succeed Lewis T. Sherrill, was elected April 10, 1917, Mr. John A. Jenkins, 133 Genesee St., Utica, N. Y.

XXX. **The Presbytery of Westchester** consists of 63 ministers and 35 churches, and has under its care two licentiates and six candidates.

Ministers received:

January 16, 1917, the Rev. William Parker, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of North River;
April 16, the Rev. Warren H. Wilson, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, and the Rev. James Allen Whitmore from the Presbytery of Steuben;
April 17, the Rev. W. Hayes Tapping from the Presbytery of Philadelphia North;
June 19, the Rev. William Crowford from the Presbytery of New Castle, and the Rev. Warren N. Nevins from the Presbytery of Genesee.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

March 1, 1917, between the Rev. Harry C. Meserve and the Rye Church;
June 19, between the Rev. William P. Stevenson, D.D., and the First of Yonkers;
October 2, between the Rev. Thomas C. Straus and the Second Church of Peekskill.

Installations:

February 8, 1917, the Rev. William Parker, Ph.D., over the Gilead Church, Carmel;
May 1, the Rev. W. Hayes Topping over the South Yonkers Church;
June 28, the Rev. William Crawford over the Dayspring Church of Yonkers.

Ministers dismissed:

December 18, 1916, the Rev. Paul Stratton to the Presbytery of Albany;

January 16, 1917, the Rev. Robert P. Gibson to the Presbytery of Buffalo; June 19, the Rev. William P. Stevenson, D.D., to the Presbytery of Union.

Name dropped from the roll:

January 16, 1917, the Rev. Arthur R. Teal.

Minister deceased:

October 3, 1916, the Rev. Marcellus Bowen, D.D., aged 70 years.

SUMMARY

Ministers	1244	Licentiates and local evangelists	191
Churches	949	Candidates	111

II. CHANGES IN PRESBYTERIES

Brooklyn. Mr. A. R. Miller, Treasurer.

New York. Mr. James Yereance, Treasurer.

Porto Rico. Rev. James A. McAllister, Treasurer.

Syracuse. Mr. Ernest W. Frost, Treasurer.

Utica. Mr. John A. Jenkins, Treasurer.

III. WOMAN'S COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

Presbytery of Albany—Mrs. Isaac V. W. Grant, Mrs. William J. Milne, Mrs. A. R. Olney, Mrs. Henry T. McEwen, Mrs. Mary Green, Mrs. A. S. Brandow, Mrs. John H. Finley, Mrs. Lewis A. James, Mrs. Charles G. Sewall, Mrs. Charles A. Richmond.

Binghamton—Mrs. J. J. Lawrence, Mrs. H. A. Clark, Mrs. Laura Fish, Mrs. Carl W. Scovel, Mrs. Franklin Putnam.

Brooklyn—Mrs. W. A. M. Grier, Mrs. E. H. Pillsbury, Miss Louise Williams.

Buffalo—Mrs. John C. Bryant, Mrs. Fred K. Eaton, Mrs. William H. Walker, Miss Kate E. Putnam, Mrs. Charles H. Seymour, Mrs. Sidney McDougall, Mrs. Charles J. North, Mrs. Charles E. Rhodes.

Cayuga—Mrs. Ezra A. Huntington, Mrs. R. B. Welch, Mrs. Henry G. Wise, Mrs. J. S. Anauro, Mrs. A. M. Dulles.

Champlain—Mrs. H. C. Cavanaugh, Mrs. R. N. Porter, Mrs. J. H. Hollock, Mrs. N. F. Brown, Mrs. W. T. Eaton.

Chemung—Mrs. Courtland F. Carrier, Mrs. N. L. Beardsley, Miss M. E. Norton, Mrs. George L. Gray.

Columbia—Mrs. S. F. Henderson, Mrs. Truman Johnson, Mrs. George C. Yeisley.

Genesee—Mrs. O. L. C. Arnold, Mrs. W. E. Prentice.

Geneva—Mrs. W. W. Hopkins, Mrs. L. L. Van Slyke, Mrs. B. J. Kime, Miss Margaret Parish.

Hudson—Mrs. Geo. H. Bonsall, Mrs. Mary S. Marsh, Mrs. Francis S. Haines, Mrs. Alexander Thompson.

Long Island—Miss Sara J. Adams, Miss May H. Howell, Mrs. Epher Whitaker, Mrs. Emily C. Hedges.

Lyons—Mrs. S. S. Peirson, Mrs. Phebe A. Vary, Mrs. J. E. Lawrence.

Nassau—Mrs. John H. Prall, Mrs. Theo. W. Smith, Miss Amelia Blydenburg.

New York—Mrs. Clark Tillinghast, Mrs. Silas B. Browell, Mrs. Henry C. Smith, Mrs. John Sinclair, Mrs. Killiaen Van Rennelaer, Mrs. James Yereance, Mrs. James M. Gifford, Mrs. James E. Ware, Mrs. Seymour M. Ballard.

Niagara—Mrs. Robert Norton.

North River—Mrs. Morgan Carpenter, Mrs. C. N. Preston, Mrs. Edward F. Cay.

Otsego—Mrs. W. D. Jones, Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Mrs. Hector Cowan,

Rochester—Mrs. Edward Bristol, Mrs. Julia M. Davis, Mrs. E. A. Webster, Miss A. C. Barton, Mrs. E. D. Chapin, Mrs. H. M. Gilt, Mrs. F. J. Woodworth.

St. Lawrence—Mrs. H. L. Smith, Mrs. J. P. Bonney, Mrs. D. A. Ferguson, Mrs. Rufus L. Sisson.

Steuben—Mrs. Stanley C. Swift, Mrs. R. M. Tuttle, Mrs. F. A. Williams.

Syracuse—Mrs. Irving G. Vann, Mrs. Orson L. White, Mrs. A. E. Hudson, Mrs. E. L. Torbert, Mrs. F. G. Sauber, Mrs. A. J. Abeel.

Troy—Mrs. William V. Baker, Mrs. Lucy H. Sherman, Mrs. William E. Marden, Miss May Philip, Mrs. Lewis W. Raynard, Mrs. H. J. McCune, Mrs. Thomas Elder, Mrs. John W. Ford, Mrs. J. E. Anthony.

Utica—Miss Isabel M. Terrett, Mrs. J. D. Frederickson, Mrs. B. E. Tilton.

Westchester—Mrs. A. F. Avery, Miss Marilla C. Foster, Mrs. A. C. McMillan, Mrs. Dwight Holbrook, Mrs. William G. Arnold.

IV. TRUSTEES OF SYNOD

President—Rev. Anthony H. Evans, D.D.

Secretary—John T. D. Blackburn.

Treasurer—Edwin T. Hanford.

Terms Expiring in 1918—Rev. Francis S. Haines, Rev. Joseph Dunn Burrell, D.D., William Thomson, Frederick B. Post.

Terms Expiring in 1919—Rev. Harlan G. Mendenhall, D.D., Rev. Andrew Magill, William A. Galpin, James T. Sweetman, M.D.

Terms Expiring in 1920—Rev. Anthony H. Evans, D.D., Rev. Arthur C. McMillan, Edwin T. Hanford, Sanford R. Knapp.

Ex-Officio—Rev. Allen M. Dulles, D.D., Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D.D., Rev. Daniel A. Ferguson, D.D., John T. D. Blackburn.

By action of Synod, the Trustees are authorized and empowered to take and receive on behalf of the Synod of New York, and in its name, for religious, educational, benevolent or charitable purposes, such gifts, devises, bequests, grants or conveyances of real or personal estate, as in their judgment shall be proper, and to make such applications and provisions as in their discretion they may deem advisable, for the purpose of carrying out and performing the trusts upon which such gifts, devises, bequests, grants or conveyances may be received.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the Synod of New York (of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America) incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, the sum of dollars, to be held or expended by the Trustees of said Synod, in conformity with the provisions of said Laws, and the By-laws of said Synod.

V. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS

	Name	Presbytery	Place
1882.	*Henry A. Nelson, D.D., *Convener*	Geneva	Utica
1882.	*Howard Crosby, D.D.	New York	Utica
1883.	James McLeod, D.D.	Buffalo	New York
1884.	*John McC. Holmes, D.D.	Albany	Buffalo
1885.	*L. Merrill Miller, D.D.	St. Lawrence	Troy
1886.	*Joseph E. Nassau, D.D.	Genesee	Elmira
1887.	*Charles C. Wallace, D.D.	Boston	Auburn
1888.	* T. Ralston Smith, D.D.	Buffalo	Syracuse
1889.	*Samuel Jessup, D.D.	Utica	Poughkeepsie
1890.	Andrew V. V. Raymond, D.D.	Albany	Lockport
1891.	Asa S. Fiske, D.D.	Cayuga	Watertown
1892.	*Levi Parsons, D.D.	Rochester	Albany
1893.	*James Gardner, D.D.	Albany	Rochester
1894.	George C. Yeisley, D.D.	Columbia	New York
1895.	Howard Duffield, D.D.	New York	Binghamton
1896.	Ralph E. Prime, LL.D. (Elder)	Westchester	Brooklyn

*Deceased.

	Name	Presbytery	Place
1897.	*Joseph Gamble, D.D.	Champlain	Utica
1898.	*A. Cameron MacKenzie, D.D.	Binghamton	Elmira
1899.	James H. Robinson, D.D.	Otsego	Troy
1900.	David G. Wylie, D.D.	New York	Geneva
1901.	*William Waith, Ph.D.	Buffalo	Buffalo
1902.	*William K. Hall, D.D.	North River	Albany
1903.	*William M. Johnson, D.D.	Troy	Ithaca
1904.	*Dana W. Bigelow, D.D.	Utica	Middletown
1905.	Isaac Jennings, D.D.	Chemung	Syracuse
1906.	Anthony H. Evans, D.D.	New York	Lockport
1907.	*Samuel W. Pratt, D.D.	Steuben	Brooklyn
1908.	John F. Carson, D.D.	Brooklyn	Kingston
1909.	*Willis J. Beecher, D.D.	Cayuga	Johnstown
1910.	James Robertson.	St. Lawrence	Rochester
1911.	Martin D. Kneeland, D.D.	Boston	Auburn
1912.	Henry Ward, D.D.	Buffalo	Gouverneur
1913.	E. Van Dyke Wight, D.D.	Hudson	Auburn
1914.	Walter Rockwood Ferris, D.D.	Syracuse	Middletown
1915.	Arthur Newman	Long Island	Batavia
1916.	Harlan G. Mendenhall, D.D.	New York	Newburgh
1917.	Allen M. Dulles, D.D.	Cayuga	Watertown

*Deceased.

VI. STANDING RULES

I

The annual meetings of Synod shall begin on the third Tuesday of October at half past seven o'clock, P. M. The officers of Synod shall be a Moderator to be chosen at the beginning of each annual meeting; a Stated Clerk, a Permanent Clerk, and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be chosen for a term of five years, and such temporary clerks as shall be chosen at each annual meeting. In case of vacancy in the office of Stated Clerk, Permanent Clerk or Treasurer, which shall occur by reason of resignation, death, removal from the bounds of Synod, or from membership of the Presbytery or Church in the Synod, the Moderator, or if he be inaccessible, the last elected Moderator shall appoint, *ad interim* a minister or elder to the vacant office, who shall hold the same until Synod shall fill the office. In case any officer of Synod shall by sickness, absence, or otherwise, be incapacitated from performance of the duties of his office, a minister or elder shall, in like manner, be appointed to perform the duties of the office until the incapacity shall end or until Synod shall take action.

II

The Moderator and the Stated and Permanent Clerks shall be a standing Committee to report, from year to year, on the place of the next meeting, which

shall be designated prior to the adjournment, and a Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, who shall provide suitable accommodations for the Synod and entertainment for its members, recommend the limits of the daily sessions, and propose arrangements for popular meetings.

The Stated Clerk of the Synod shall be a member of the Committee of Arrangements for every meeting of Synod. The first order of business, on the second day of the meeting of Synod, after the appointment of Committees, shall be the hearing of and action upon reports of officers of Synod and of Special Committees appointed at previous meetings of Synod.

III

The morning sessions of the Synod shall be opened with devotional services to be continued not less than half an hour.

IV

Each Presbytery shall at its stated meeting next preceding the meeting of the Synod, and if possible, not later than two weeks before such meeting, elect the number of delegates to which it is entitled, together with an equal number of alternates as prescribed by the organic rule under which the Synod is constituted, namely:

"The Synod of New York shall be composed of equal delegations of Ministers and Ruling Elders from the several Presbyteries in the following proportion: Each Presbytery, the number of whose Ministers and Churches added together, is not more than twenty, shall send one Minister and one Elder and so in like proportion for every twenty Ministers and Churches added together, or for any remaining fraction thereof, not less than one-half: Provided that no Presbytery shall be entitled to send more than ten Ministers and ten Elders."

V

The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, immediately after the election, shall send to the Stated Clerk, of the Synod a certified list of the delegates and alternate delegates chosen by the Presbytery to represent it at the Synod. When alternate delegates appear in place of their principals, such delegates shall report in person to the Clerks of the Synod before their names shall be substituted upon the roll.

In order to the parliamentary constitution of the annual meeting of Synod immediately after the opening of Synod, and preceding the election of officers, the roll be announced as certified to by the enrollment Committee, a printed list of all delegates and alternates be placed in the hands of every delegate.

Duplicate lists of delegates and alternates shall be sent promptly by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

VI

The Stated and Permanent Clerks shall have the privileges of the floor and

the chairmen of the committees, appointed at a previous session to report to the Synod, shall be entitled to participate in debate when their reports are under consideration.

Ministers of other Synods, and of bodies in correspondence with the General Assembly, may be elected corresponding members, and the members nominating them shall report immediately to the Stated Clerk, in writing, the names of such ministers in full, their Synodical or equivalent ecclesiastical relations and their postoffice addresses.

VII

In case of the failure of the Moderator, the Annual Meeting shall be opened with a sermon by a minister of the Synod designated by the Committee of Arrangements.

VIII

A complete roll of the Ministers and Churches of each Presbytery, and a Statistical Report and History of its Acts and Changes for the year preceding, as required by the form of Government, Chap. X, Sec. 9, shall be sent by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, as soon as practicable after the Fall Stated Meeting of the Presbytery; and the statistical reports shall be printed in the Appendix to the minutes.

IX

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator at every annual meeting:

1. Bills and Overtures.
2. Judicial Business.
3. Minutes of General Assembly.
4. Finance.
5. Leave of Absence.
6. To nominate Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions.
7. To nominate Trustees of the Synod.
8. On the records of the several Presbyteries.
9. To collate the Reports on Presbyterial Records.
10. In every year of even numbers a Committee to nominate the Permanent Committees for the ensuing two years, as follows: I. Religious Education; II. Men's Work; III. Foreign Missions; IV. Education; V. Church Erection; VI. Ministerial Relief; VII. Missions to Freedmen; VIII. Aid for Colleges; IX. Sabbath Observance; X. Temperance. Such permanent committees to consist each of four ministers and three ruling elders.

X

In all cases not otherwise provided for by its own regulations, the Synod shall be governed in its proceedings by the General Rules of Judicatories appended to the Form of Government, as amended by the General Assembly.

XI

All papers intended for the Synod or its Committees shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk, and reported by him before being referred.

XII

The Stated Clerk shall have authority to print in the minutes, abstracts of extended reports, excepting those portions which contain resolutions or recommendations adopted by the Synod.

XIII

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Synod, the several Presbyteries shall furnish, annually, amounts proportioned to the number of their communicants, according to a rate per capita determined at the previous meetings of the Synod. And if no action has been taken the rate shall be seven mills for each communicant.

These sums shall be due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of October, when the Synod's fiscal year shall terminate.

XIV

The Treasurer shall be authorized to pay the salaries and the traveling expenses of the Stated and Permanent Clerks in attending the sessions of the Synod; and all charges incurred under the standing orders or special resolutions of the Synod, upon the certificate of the Stated Clerk. His accounts and vouchers shall be presented at the annual meeting, and shall be audited by the Committee on Finance.

XV

Vacancies occurring between the annual sessions of the Synod in any of its committees may be filled *ad interim* by the Moderator.

XVI

An Executive Commission shall be appointed of which the Moderator of the Synod shall be chairman *ex-officio*, one minister and one elder shall be appointed annually hereafter to serve for three years. The work of the Commission shall be along the lines of the Executive Commission of the General Assembly, as far as applicable to the work of our Synod.

XVII

For each session of Synod a list in chronological order of all ministers who have died during the ecclesiastical year shall be prepared by the Stated Clerk from information given by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries; this list shall be read by him immediately after the roll call on the morning of the second day of the session of Synod, and the Synod standing shall thereupon be led in prayer by the Moderator.

XVIII

The Minutes of the Synod shall be printed, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable, after the adjournment; and a copy shall be sent to every minister, to every elder, and to the Session of each vacant church, within the bounds, severally, of those Presbyteries whose apportionments for Synodical expenses have been paid.

XIX

(1) All committees of Synod shall report in writing, and all reports of Permanent Committees and of Special Committees appointed at one meeting of Synod, to report at a later meeting, shall be placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk, at least twenty days before the annual meeting of Synod; such reports shall be printed by the Stated Clerk in a Blue Book, to be ready at the place of meeting six hours before the meeting, and distributed to the delegates as they enroll; such reports shall not be read on the Floor of Synod unless ordered by Synod and shall be abstracted and not printed in full in the minutes; the action of Synod thereon to be printed and such abstracts therefrom as may be necessary to show the action of Synod.

(2) The Committee on Synodical Missions shall print its own report as Part II of the Blue Book and have the same in the hands of the Stated Clerk for distribution at the time and manner above provided as to the Blue Book.

The clerk shall furnish to each delegate on his enrollment a uniform card to be filled up by him and delivered to the clerks, which shall state his name, name of his Presbytery, the day of his enrollment and such other information as to the clerks may be convenient. Such cards shall constitute a duplicate roll for use of the clerks and of Synod.

The roll shall not be called during meetings of Synod, except only the final roll call, unless Synod shall otherwise direct.

VII. CHAIRMEN OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. Arrangements—Rev. Albert C. Fulton, S.T.D.
2. Next Place of Meeting—Rev. Allen Macy Dulles, D.D.
3. Revision of Standing Committees—Rev. Allen Macy Dulles, D.D.
4. Committee on Military Record—Rev. J. Milton Thompson, D.D.
5. On Sabbath Societies—Rev. Alexander Alison, D.D.

VIII. PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. Religious Education. *Ministers*—Rev. Nevin D. Bartholomew, William H. Boocock, Charles G. Sewall, Herbert H. Field; *Elders*—Thomas J. James, Zelotes L. Wilcox, Charles K. Scoon.

2. Foreign Missions. *Ministers*—Charles McKenzie, John L. Caughey, Thomas R. Good, William H. Hopkins; *Elders*—John T. D. Blackburn, James M. McMartin, Paul Cook.

3. Church Erection. *Ministers*—Frank M. Kerr, Samuel H. Seem, Charles E. Craven, George H. Feltus; *Elders*—John H. Prall, Edwin W. Rowley, Clarence G. Seward.

4. Education. *Ministers*—R. Lew Williams, John M. MacInnes, Theodore M. Carlisle, James A. Miller, John J. MacDonald; *Elders*—John Finley, J. C. Fisher, A. P. Storrs.

5. Ministerial Relief. *Ministers*—Henry A. Porter, John G. Truais, Christopher G. Hazard; *Elders*—Robert Cluett, Charles S. Butler, W. Edward Ibbotson, Edgar C. Leonard.

6. Freedmen. *Ministers*—Anthony N. Petersen, John R. Mackay, William A. Byrd, James A. Pratt; *Elders*—Ranson E. Wilcox, E. W. Rowley, W.W. Smith.

7. College Aid. *Ministers*—John C. Ball, Frederick W. Palmer, Allen Macy Dulles, Charles L. Carhart; *Elders*—Rathbun J. Hunt, C. C. Swan, H. N. Daggett.

8. Temperance. *Ministers*—Charles G. Ellis, H. H. Barstow, Hugh B. Fraser, Christopher G. Hazard; *Elders*—W. T. Couper, Benjamin P. Wayne, H. B. Graves.

9. Lord's Day Observance. *Ministers*—Duncan J. McMillan, John F. Carson, Norman McLeod, Arthur Newman; *Elders*—Selah B. Strong, Winthrop S. Gilman James B. Murray.

10. Men's Work. *Ministers*—Carl W. Scovel, John J. Lawrence, Jonathan C. Day, George Dougan; *Elders*—Burr W. Mosher, Lucius L. Van Slyke, George B. Ament.

11. Executive Commission. *Ministers*—Allen Macy Dulles, William J. Cumming, David G. Wylie, George B. Stewart; *Elders*—William McCarrell, Rush Taggart, Charles W. Seymour.

12. Synodical Missions. *Elders*—Geo. P. Conard, D. C. Hurd, Walter T. Cooper, W. S. Bennet, Waldo Hutchins, Charles H. Anthony; *Ministers*—Henry T. McEwen, George S. Webster, Arthur Newman, Charles G. Ellis, Walter R. Ferris, J. Howard Hubbs, V. L. Mackey.

IX. STATISTICS OF SYNOD

SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES	Presb's.	Ministers	Lacent's.	Loc. Evan.	Candidates	Churches	Manses	Elders	Deacons	Added on Ex.	Added on Cer.	Restored	Dismissed	Susp. Roll	Deceased	Net Total	Bap. Conf.	Bap. Infants
SYNOD OF NEW YORK	30	1253	44	161	117	947	579	4912	1901	12933	6897	786	6385	6122	2956	230900	4375	5744
1. Albany		66			5	19	38	260	97	508	366	62	344	195	141	11925	168	196
2. Binghamton		41			1	35	21	183	91	761	412	34	429	104	97	7934	446	160
3. Brooklyn		90	1		9	48	15	321	252	1578	663	36	640	616	306	22108	180	741
4. Buffalo		74	2	1	2	58	29	404	108	1126	633	87	620	459	163	15447	301	305
5. Cayuga		50	13		10	23	5	135	36	269	209	10	163	126	87	5619	177	89
6. Champlain		21	1		4	22	18	62	17	158	86	6	69	24	51	2420	63	54
7. Chemung		18			3	20	15	96	26	161	106	29	63	100	33	3403	96	53
8. Chile		20		30	7	17		48	23	65	30	4	46	33	14	939	51	62
9. Columbia		16		2	1	17	9	57	10	40	15	2	23	32	40	1694	15	33
10. Eastern Persia		13			2	4										317		
11. Genesee		23	1		3	18	18	98	18	273	106	9	104	151	63	3831	145	63
12. Geneva		27	2		5	20	19	129	55	280	129	11	172	61	89	5886	115	115
13. Hudson		49				47	40	188	33	352	181	6	170	196	114	7743	113	150
14. Long Island		26				23	23	114	17	97	23	5	23	17	53	4301	33	67
15. Lyons		23				18	16	103	29	129	95	7	81	88	41	3506	65	71
16. Nassau		30			2	30	19	115	62	228	120	12	112	97	67	4594	65	142
17. New York		185	3	1	15	60	18	459	392	2304	1233	137	969	1230	378	36788	346	1117
18. Niagara		22			3	22	17	104	21	199	108	11	130	116	55	4935	79	146
19. North Laos		19	1	100	6	38		186	46	302	92	25	303	125	122	6709	206	249
20. North River		37			3	30	27	153	51	206	178	10	141	196	89	6212	59	121
21. Otsego		33	1		1	30	27	130	33	131	71	15	104	108	57	4130	81	67
22. Porto Rico		24	9	11		35	13	74	19	253	40	18	97	83	23	2333	226	94
23. Rochester		65	1		5	52	34	327	73	1048	587	56	396	675	206	17359	335	416
24. St. Lawrence		33			3	35	24	151	30	289	99	11	115	116	95	5670	137	138
25. Siam		15	2	13	4	13		26	11	127	24	2	20	3	12	1020	107	35
26. Steuben		30			3	25	19	124	19	143	133	3	162	111	65	4686	77	67
27. Syracuse		44	3		4	44	28	262	105	647	289	103	222	297	128	10482	320	306
28. Troy		46	1	1	1	36	27	201	88	344	168	25	185	248	122	8619	111	146
29. Utica		50	1		8	43	33	213	42	556	333	23	227	182	131	10444	180	279
30. Westchester		63	2	2	7	35	27	189	97	359	368	27	255	333	111	9846	78	272

X. REPORT ON SYNODICAL MISSIONS

Your Committee on Synodical Home Missions would respectfully present this report of its work for the year ending September 30, 1917.

It is the judgment of your Committee that the workers commissioned by the Presbyteries of the Synod of New York have been called upon during the past year to bear far more than ordinary sacrifice. Many of their young men have responded to the call of the nation, and only those who have been engaged in work in small congregations can appreciate the loss of such young blood. Many relief organizations have been contending for the support of the churches both great and small, and it must be said to their honor, that they have co-operated with these organizations in generous fashion. To speak of the increase in their cost of living is trite. It has been tremendous. Increase in the salaries has been small, with the result that it has been very difficult for our men to maintain their enthusiasm and their optimism. Yet, if the success of one's work is an indication of the enthusiasm of the worker, it would appear that the pastors of the aid-receiving churches have not lost, but rather gained, enthusiasm under the stress and sacrifice of these critical times. As a whole, the Synod has responded generously to the appeal of Home Mission offerings, although there is a slight decrease from the contributions of a year ago. It is our judgment that the

IX. STATISTICS OF SYNOD

S. S. Mem.	Home Miss.	Foreign Miss.	Education	Sab. Sch. Work	Church Erection	Relief Sust.	Freedmen	Colleges	Temperance	General Assembly	Congregational	Miscellaneous
177,477	600,716	461,849	33,504	26,696	16,541	54,292	33,251	21,410	21,153	27,450.67	3,422,128	1512,559
8607	15,265	13,207	1630	990	428	1131	804	1242	1007	1,179.18	195,497	12,224
6214	10,417	7167	2878	845	433	2174	622	739	774	795.54	85,202	52,346
17,644	75,657	46,466	1582	2110	1800	6459	2134	1265	1383	2,709.00	360,485	36,271
11,782	57,591	27,490	1267	2059	1270	5678	3983	1061	544	2,291.57	242,950	21,556
4403	5997	5801	6044	499	226	904	1194	273	845	595.59	64,331	3911
1839	2324	2823	168	237	77	282	346	93	579	331.15	30,871	4068
2847	1757	1877	194	359	152	186	473	149	289	389.13	36,860	2360
3038	122					22				7.56	5033	15
1000	2032	1672	134	175	101	431	414	163	228	192.94	19,390	2932
270												
3673	3718	3949	246	521	184	313	514	282	316	457.82	43,019	1592
4350	5829	5696	1323	726	346	680	1517	1847	479	704.06	68,969	2495
4719	6345	4990	431	852	460	745	682	443	916	1,088.13	109,475	2915
2757	4359	3367	283	766	276	786	897	243	664	553.02	54,469	2302
3234	2698	1780	118	372	103	180	330	140	387	394.23	43,464	825
4249	3823	3288	229	803	244	1056	1105	272	445	613.56	86,185	2322
26,962	304,975	245,638	2894	5632	4975	16,153	5065	5964	1600	5,155.00	802,731	1107,760
4451	4426	4450	208	673	192	460	842	184	376	538.05	54,005	3550
5569	564		682	350							1062	
3512	6901	6240	475	760	368	800	868	368	823	885.82	90,486	2167
2927	2654	2120	186	462	165	649	626	128	386	522.72	48,858	1288
2887	159	71	19	54	9	34	12	9	14	222.50	6261	263
14,294	15,745	19,059	1314	1390	656	1620	3411	876	2690	1,984.46	246,038	161,425
5055	7076	4532	1375	607	267	919	741	3264	511	648.72	82,986	19,994
826		127	13		74					6.00	1544	320
3722	2977	3292	332	373	168	539	577	179	482	473.60	50,415	1460
8023	11,792	10,408	6181	921	438	1630	931	443	1294	1,134.56	142,975	26,773
4961	11,587	10,788	589	1022	604	4904	1441	602	742	944.20	124,443	8059
6553	13,622	11,307	715	1061	542	1543	1398	521	629	1,190.40	123,515	15,098
7109	20,304	14,244	1964	2077	1986	4014	2321	660	2750	1,442.16	200,609	16,268

Departments of work conducted by your Committee have commended themselves to the Synod and abundantly justified their existence as more detailed reports will show.

The following constitute the Executive Committee, under the direction of which the Home Mission work in the State has been administered during the interim of the semi-annual meetings of the Permanent Committee.

Chairman, Mr. George P. Conard.
Vice-Chairman, Rev. Henry T. McEwen, D.D.
Secretary, Rev. George S. Webster, D.D.
Treasurer, Mr. Harvey C. Olin.
Synodical Superintendent, Rev. U. L. Mackey.

Rev. Charles G. Ellis, Ph.D.	DeWitt C. Hurd
Rev. Harlan G. Mendenhall, D.D.	W. M. Wheeler
Rev. J. Howard Hobbs, D.D.	J. M. Wyckoff
Hon. W. S. Bennet	Waldo Hutchins

The foregoing Committee, together with the Chairman of the Home Missions Committee of each Presbytery has constituted the Permanent Committee. Two meetings were held during the year; one in Elmira in April, 1917; the other on October 16, 1917, at this meeting of Synod at Watertown.

The office of the Committee is in the Presbyterian Building, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. All communications that have to do with the administration of Home Mission work within the State should be addressed to the Synodical Superintendent, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. Contributions for Home Missions, whether Synodical or National, together with vouchers for the collection of grants, should be sent direct to Mr. H. C. Olin, Treasurer, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

The relations between the Board of Home Missions and this Committee have been most felicitous and helpful, and it is our hope that during the coming years this relationship may grow even closer so that a larger measure of co-operation may result in a great efficiency in the Home Mission work in the State and the support given by the State to all Home Mission enterprises. A report of the Board of Home Missions will appear later in these pages.

The record of the Synod in its Home Mission offerings are as follows, the comparison being for the fiscal year closing March 31st, 1917:

PRESBYTERY	1915–16	1916–17	Gain	Loss
Albany	$2,299.20	$2,316.50	$ 17.30	
Binghamton	3,040.44	3,169.31	128.87	
Brooklyn	13,673.75	9,909.65		$3,764.10
Buffalo	5,834.71	5,517.82		316.89
Cayuga	3,491.20	2,746.81		744.39
Champlain	988.69	1,023.47	34.78	
Chemung	1,356.23	1,205.32		150.91
Columbia	780.45	616.72		163.73
Genesee	1,101.75	1,061.89		39.86
Geneva	2,331.75	2,463.49	131.74	
Hudson	2,276.32	2,283.67	7.35	
Long Island	1,599.84	1,526.67		73.17
Lyons	1,267.79	1,168.42		99.37
Nassau	1,678.81	1,610.25		68.56
New York	40,433.72	43,375.83	2,942.11	
Niagara	872.62	907.96	35.34	
North River	2,193.08	2,562.16	396.08	
Otsego	903.35	976.82	73.47	
Porto Rico		56.00		
Rochester	5,233.33	6,058.27	824.94	
St. Lawrence	3,288.12	2,993.33		294.79
Steuben	1,587.	671,704.53	116.86	
Syracuse	3,200.02	3,473.11	273.09	
Troy	2,457.86	2,391.49		66.37
Utica	3,912.03	4,525.10	613.07	
Westchester	4,917.91	5,178.11	260.20	

It will be noted that while fourteen of the Presbyteries have contributed more than they did last year, eleven of them have fallen short. The Presbytery

of Brooklyn appears to have a very large falling off, yet this is to be accounted for in the fact that during the year 1915–1916 there was a personal contribution through one of the churches amounting to $5,000. The contributor died shortly afterward, and no such contribution was received during the year of this report, so that instead of the living givers in Brooklyn Presbytery giving less than they did last year, their record is one of increased generosity. Another item to be considered is the fact that Brooklyn Presbytery has contributed and used through its own Treasury an additional amount of about $7,000. Then, too, the Presbytery of New York, that has usually contributed to the Synodical Home Mission Fund an amount of about $3,000.00, diverted its Synodical contributions to its Presbyterial Treasury. Keeping these matters in mind, it would appear that instead of a net loss of something less than $100, there has been very considerable gain in the offerings to Home Mission work.

By far, the majority of our aid-receiving churches have had the service during the year of pastors or stated supplies, and from almost the entire number we have had reports regularly each quarter, which reports we have compiled and sent out to the Chairman of the Home Missions Committees as promptly as it was possible for us to get them ready. It must be said that through carelessness or inability to get the figures many of the reports show manifest inaccuracies, but as the same inaccuracies were evident in the reports of a year ago, some comparisons may be useful in showing the record of the year's work. We therefore present the following:

American work:

Churches aided during the year	110
Churches reaching self-support	7
Churches that will probably ask for aid in 1917	103
New churches organized during the year	2
Centers of Foreign Work 1916	12
Centers of Foreign Work proposed for 1917	13
Increase by examination (American churches)	830
Increase by certificate	334
Gross Increase	1,164
Gross increase per cent	15.7
Loss by death and removal	420
Net gain per cent	10
Contributed for congregational expenses 1917	$74,897.
Contributed for congregational expenses 1916	53,399.
Gain	$21,498.
Contributions to the several Boards of the Presbyterian Ch. 1917	$7,185
Contributions to the several Boards of the Presbyterian Ch. 1916	4,626
Gain	$2,559.

Thirty-five churches received no members by examination. Fifteen of these vacant for all or part of time. A complete tabulation of the work is printed in Appendix A.

FIRST: The situation in Queensborough, in the city of New York, which was recommended to us at the meeting of Synod last Fall, was brought to the attention of the Presbyteries of Nassau and Brooklyn as per the action of the Synod, and they have authorized certain work to be undertaken in co-operation with the Board of Publication and Sunday School Work, with a view to inaugurating new work by way of an approach through Sunday Schools. It may be said in this connection that the Presbyteries of Brooklyn and Nassau have overtures before this meeting of Synod, asking that they be united into one Presbytery, also, that the Church Extension Board of Brooklyn has under way a plan for raising a fund of at least $100,000, $25,000 of which has been conditionally subscribed, and much of which doubtless will be available for developing the work in this very rapidly growing Borough of the City of New York.

SECOND: The immense problem of foreign work in our State demands the most careful administration and an ever growing expenditure. We hope, during the coming year, to make a fairly thorough study of the entire foreign population of the State with a view to a more intelligent co-operation with the other denominations at work for foreign people, and also with the State and City Educational and Americanization plans.

THIRD: We are facing the fact that while the Synod has contributed a large amount for carrying on work which gives little or no promise of strength, especially by way of finances, yet there has been very little done in strategic centers where a growing church among the more prosperous people may be expected.

A study of the Presbyteries covering ten years, closing with 1916, reveals the following record of new organizations that give promise of future strength. These organizations do not include those among people of foreign speech.

Albany	0	Chemung	0	Nassau	5	St. Lawrence	0
Binghamton	0	Columbia	0	New York	9	Steuben	0
Brooklyn	2	Genesee	0	Niagara	0	Syracuse	0
Buffalo	0	Geneva	0	N. River	0	Troy	0
Cayuga	0	Hudson	0	Otsego	0	Utica	0
Champlain	0	Lyons	0	Rochester	0	Westchester	5

The Minutes of 1916 show that the Synod has, in America (not counting foreign Presbyteries), 839 churches, whereas the Minutes of 1907 show 884; a loss of 45 churches during the decade.

It may be this is an indication of federation and union with other churches. We greatly hope it is. We should certainly be unwilling to multiply churches simply for the sake of multiplication, and while it is doubtless a great credit to the Synod that she is sufficiently big hearted to expend her wealth on communities

where the need is great, yet it would appear that good business would dictate that we should do something to strengthen the cause of the church. Your Committee would recommend to the Presbyteries that they keep in mind the more prosperous and growing communities as well as sections inhabited by foreign people and those who are less prosperous.

According to the instruction of the Synod, the Committee has engaged the Rev. Henry S. Huntington, Jr., on the staff of the Synodical workers, who has been working under the direction of the Superintendent since the beginning of December, 1916.

Mr. Huntington is not attached to any particular department, but co-operates with all the different types of work in the Synod. He has, during the year, made very helpful studies and exhibits with a general report in each case of a number of fields in the Presbyteries of Binghamton, Rochester, Albany, Brooklyn, and Nassau. He preaches, also, frequently on Sundays, remuneration for which, as for all of our Synodical workers, is turned into the expense funds of the Synod. It is the expectation of your Committee to make a very thorough study of the foreign population under the leadership of Mr. Huntington, and we are under invitation from some of the Presbyteries to make a study of their entire Presbytery, looking toward a program of more effectively meeting the religious needs of the communities within their bounds. Exhibits of Synodical and Presbyterial work which appear on the walls of the room in which we are meeting are the work of Mr. Huntington, arranged in such groups that one may readily study them.

The New York Country Church Council has, during the year, formulated a constitution which provides, among other things, for an Executive Committee consisting of one representative from each co-operating denomination with an Advisory Board consisting of one additional representative from each such denomination. The Permanent Committee has accepted the constitution and appointed the Synodical Superintendent as a member of the Executive Committee, and the Rev. Warren H. Wilson, Ph.D., as the additional representative. When a sufficient number of the denominations operating in the State shall have accepted the constitution, and appointed their representatives, we shall hope to see a more active organization and some effective work under its direction. The Synod, a year ago, authorized your Committee to take action looking toward a Council for Foreign Work, similar to the Country Church Council. It did not seem quite possible to organize such a Council at the present time, but the matter was laid before the Country Church Council which agreed to incorporate within its duties for the present, or until such time as a Council for Foreign Work should be organized, the matter which would naturally come under the direction of the Council for Foreign Work.

At the meeting of the Permanent Committee in Elmira, the administrative officers of the Synodical Home Missions Committee were authorized to make an effort to secure the Home Mission offerings of the Sunday Schools of the Presbyteries of Nassau and Brooklyn for the proposed Sunday School work in the Borough of Queens, and the offerings of the Sunday Schools of the other

Presbyteries for the support of the Work for Foreign People and the Adirondack work. In pursuance of this, the Sunday School Superintendents and pastors have been circularized, and at a later time additional literature will be sent to them, and it is the very earnest hope of your Committee that the Sunday Schools will respond liberally for these needy objects.

Through the Synodical Superintendent your Committee has kept in touch with the Assembly's Committee for the Every Member Plan, and both the Superintendent and Mr. Dean have assisted in a number of conferences for the development of the financial situation in our churches. Both of them have also assisted many churches either in introducing the Every Member Plan or in developing it into greater effectiveness. It is the judgment of your Committee that Synod should most heartily unite with the Assembly's Committee for the Every Member Plan in the forward step which is proposed for the future; namely, the promotion of a fellowship of stewardship. To this end your Committee has adopted the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That the Home Missions Committee in carrying out the instructions of Synod, to promote the Every Member Plan, arrange for Conferences of Church officers, preceded by a Msisions Field Day, in Presbyteries where such provision has not yet been made."

"*Resolved*, That the Committee, having heard the plans proposed for a fellowship of Stewardship, designed to cultivate Proportionate Giving throughout the Presbyterian Church, as outlined before this Committee by Mr. David McConaughy, Representative of the Assembly's Committee for the Every Member Plan, hereby approves thereof; and recommends its adoption by the Synod."

Your Committee has also asked for an hour during the afternoon of the second day of Synod for the presentation of this subject by the Assembly's Committee.

The Synod has not organized a definite Department of Evangelism, but, as formerly, the Superintendent and workers in the Department of Church Extension particularly, as also the Adirondack workers, have kept evangelism very close to the front. Your Committee heartily believes in persistent evangelistic effort, and when there is sufficient call from the Presbyteries for special evangelistic workers, we should be glad to recommend to the Synod the engagement of Synodical Evangelists. At the present time, however, the requests for such evangelists are very few, not sufficient in number to justify the appointment of such evangelists. Both Mr. Dean and Mr. Mackey have already made appointments for evangelistic services during the coming year.

Following out the provision of the Synod for co-operation with the Board of Missions for Freedmen, the Synodical Committee has endorsed the application of the Presbytery of Brooklyn for the Siloam Church of Brooklyn for a grant of aid for the present year. No other calls have come to our Committee for assistance.

A financial statement of the expenditures for the various departments in comparison with the appropriations made by the Synod a year ago appears as per Appendix, table C.

The appropriations authorized by the Permanent Committee at the April meeting, and filed with the Board, are as follows:

	1917–18	1916–17
For Workers Commissioned by Presbyteries	$40,000.00	$38,000.00
For Workers Commissioned by Synod:		
Synodical Superintendent	4,250.00	4,500.00
Adirondack Work	5,550.00	5,550.00
Work for Foreign People	3,000.00	3,000.00
Church Extension	3,000.00	2,500.00
Administration Expenses	2,100.00	1,850.00
Publicity	400.00	400.00
Emergency	2,500.00	5,000.00
Total	$60,800.00	$60,800.00

It will be noted that the term of service of Mr. George P. Conard, as Chairman, and Rev. U. L. Mackey, as Superintendent, expires with this meeting. Also, the term of service of W. M. Wheeler and J. N. Wyckoff as members of the Permanent Committee expire with this meeting.

Your Committee would like to repeat and make just as emphatic as possible that the workers under commission of the Synodical Home Missions Committee are not engaged in swivel chair occupations. Most of them are upon the field regularly, preaching, conducting conferences and other meetings; in short, doing the work of pastors in a measure probably as large as the average pastor, some of them, indeed, speaking very much more often and meeting with many more people than falls to the lot of most of our pastors. It is true there is much administrative work, but it is incidental to the other work, and the policy of the force is to give first place always to the field work.

Because this is the more prominent of the work in which we are engaged we have changed the designation of our Department leaders. Ministers in charge of churches are noted as workers commissioned by the Presbyteries. Those whose work is of a more general character appear as workers commissioned by the Synod. The Synodical Superintendent is a member of the Committee, and in close co-operation and constant counsel with the Chairman has general oversight of the work of Home Missions within the State. He also is subject to call on the part of the Presbyteries for various services. During the past year, as formerly, he has counseled with Presbyterial Committees in developing their Home Mission work and offerings; has sought for ministers and assisted in the settlement of churches; has organized and attended many conferences on financial, missionary, and efficiency themes. He has been the point of contact between your Committee and the Board of Home Missions; also between you and the Assembly's Committee on the Every Member Plan. You will probably not

be interested in the number of sermons he has preached or the miles he has traveled and it is enough to say that practically every Sunday, as well as every other day, has been filled with his activities, his engagements for the most part having been made many weeks in advance.

Your Committee would like to say that in the settlement of vacant churches we have probably been very slow. It is, however, the policy of your Committee to make haste slowly. There are many ministers who apply both to our office and to the Presbyterial officers who are wholly unknown to us. Some of them are excellent men, but some of them, we are sorry to say, have a record of such a character that we are in duty bound to investigate thoroughly everyone who comes to us with whom we are not now acquainted. We earnestly hope that ministers of the Synod who send to us recommendations will consider their duty toward the cause of Christ as well as a friendly attitude toward the men whom they recommend. It should be said that your Committee is in position to assist vacant churches in finding ministers, but under no circumstances do we take the matter up with the individual church unless we have been authorized to to do by the Presbytery within the bounds of which the Church is located.

Work for Foreign People

In these days when the need of thoroughly Americanizing the foreigner is being emphasized by all real Americans, the work of planting in him the spiritual well spring of what is finest in our country is of almost poignant interest.

Work for Italians. In the country at large the Presbyterians lead in evangelical work for Italians, and in our own State eleven out of the seventeen missions directly in charge of the Synod are for that race. The outstanding work of the year has been the practical pioneering accomplished this summer through colporteurs whom the Board of Publication placed at the direction of Mr. Allen, our field worker in charge of foreign work, and of Mr. Anthony, head of Brooklyn Presbytery's Church Extension Board. Two of them, Italians themselves and Auburn Seminary students, worked in Rochester, Newark, Waterloo, Binghamton, Syracuse, Auburn, Lyons, and Geneva. Mr. Allen was almost constantly on the field and always in touch with both men. The colporteurs' work stimulated whatever local interest the churches already had in the Italians. Interdenominational conferences of the pastors were held at Lyons and Geneva. In Lyons it was decided that all the churches should back up the Methodists in their effort to get hold of the Italians. In Geneva Mr. Sproviero's survey broke ground for a conference of laymen as well as ministers to face the problem. Geneva in 1915 had some 14,000 population, and one in every five to seven of them is Italian. In Brooklyn Presbytery Mr. Mascitelli visited in two or three of the great Italian districts of the city, all the time under the close supervision of Secretary Anthony.

In the smaller places the starting of an Italian Mission is an uphill task. The foreigners watch each other. The man who goes to the Mission is reported to the priest. Family and church unite to keep the Italian outwardly a conformist. These are difficulties to be faced.

In the Italian Missions, the work at Middletown has proved a thoroughgoing and substantial success. The new church building, to be dedicated in November, has already amply justified itself. Brass band, orchestra, English classes contribute; the interest of the whole community aids; the energetic enthusiasm of the Italian pastor is a leading factor; but without the beautiful and Italianly appropriate building the work could not be in its present commanding position in the Italian community. Two-thirds of that community are now Protestant in feeling and the attendance of Italians at the Italian Presbyterian Church is three to five times what it is at the Romanist. It is a record that shows the possibilities everywhere.

At Schenectady, where the work had gradually slought off its extension features, a survey of the Italian situation was made by the Synodical office this spring. The method of approach to the situation is being changed, the tried devices of social work are being reintroduced, and there is a determination that henceforth our work for the Italian there shall be aggressive. Schenectady has 9,000 Italians, for whom four or five Missions are at work. The need is for a large co-operative attack, backed with adequate buildings and staff.

This need for the right type of building constantly crops out in the State. Even if the Italian be not used to St. Peters, he is used to a church with color, variety, pictures, symbols. He can understand worshipping God without the Virgin or a blood-stained dead Christ, but that is no reason why, when we summon him to the true worship of the God of all beauty and of the Son who is the very Light of Light, we should offer him a shack for his devotions.

Besides the Missions in charge of our Committee, we have eleven strong Italian churches or Missions in New York City and five in "the State" supported by the Board of Home Missions or the local Presbytery. In the Church of the Ascension we have the biggest Italian Protestant Church in the world, so far as we know—703 members in good standing, 52 received this year by examination.

We have had our share of the difficulties incident to the Italian work. Mr. Allen has sought in vain the right man for Poughkeepsie. At this writing one of our Italian ministers awaits trial on the charge of forging one or more college graduation certificates. The Synod might well make a special object of prayer the raising up of an adequate force of devoted, hard working Italian ministers to supplement the fine men already in the work.

The list of our Italian Missions appears in the statistical summary.

Work for Other Races. In work for the non-Italian foreign speaking Americans the feature of the year is the great development of our Syrain work in Brooklyn. Rev. and Mrs. James H. Nicol, of our Mission in Tripoli, Syria, were detained in this country by the war. Last January, loaned to us temporarily by the Board of Foreign Missions, they put their united strength into the work of the Mission. The Syrians responded to their able leadership, a campaign for a suitable home for the work was begun, the Syrians themselves pledged well nigh $10,000; the Board of Church Erection made the largest grant to a foreign-speaking work in its history—$10,000; $5,000 came from a layman, and with only $10,000 still to

be raised, a site for the new church has been bought, the buildings already on it turned into a social center for the whole Syrian colony, and Rev. Royal C. Agne, formerly of the faculty of the Syrian Protestant College of Beyrout, appointed director of the Syrian Community Center.

Some fields lie before us almost awaiting a harvest. Three years ago a strong movement out of the Greek Catholic Church stirred in the Ruthenian (Ukrainian) colony in Rochester. We failed to take advantage of it. But for a year we have had Mr. Salastin on the field there, assisted this summer by a good colporteur. A third, or more, of the 4,000 Ukrainians of Rochester are weary of the old church. But if we intend to succeed in reaching them in a large way it is clear that we must devote a building to the cause.

There are a multitude of harder fields before us, such as those we have come to know through Mr. J. J. Potocki, the Polish colporteur supplied by the Board of Publication. Working under Mr. Anthony's direction among the Poles of Brooklyn and Queens Borough, he has encountered such superstition as that of the man who raised his fists to strike him into silence because he spoke of Christ. "It is not for people like us to speak of Christ," ejaculated the Romanist Pole. "Only the priests can talk about Him!" To enter such fields may mean temporary persecution of the missionary.

As for the non-Italian foreign-speaking work not directly under the Synod's Home Missions Committee, the American International Church, formerly the Labor Temple, is growing tremendously, 174 persons received by examination last year, 585 persons on its roll. The understanding that the work for the foreign-speaking American must be planned and done on a great scale is apparent in many a move this past year. The Presbytery of New York has put out a hundred page book devoted to the topic of that one Presbytery's work for the foreigner. The Magyar population of the Presbytery has been surveyed, with the co-operation of the Dutch Reformed Church. In the city of Lackawanna, the Home Board, following out its conclusion that half-hearted enterprises are things of the past, has recommended the erection of a community house at the cost of $30,000, and an annual budget of $8,500 for the work.

Two million five hundred thousand foreign-speaking folk of the newer immigration challenge the Synod of New York—men and women who are to be the ancestors of America more than are we of the older stock.

Mr. Maddox reports another successful year in the Lumber Camp Work of the Adirondacks. Most of the Adirondack camps were visited, and preaching services were held in them. Services were also held in school-houses, railroad stations, hotel parlors, and churches in small settlements. Besides this the work of the Mission was presented to a number of churches outside the lumberwoods, and these churches were of several denominations. The Mission is the only one of its kind in New York, and interest in it is taken by other churches, some even contributing to its support.

It may be said that the lumbermen are favoring the work more than at first; and while the missionaries have always been received kindly, now complaints are

made that their visits are not frequent enough, and more cordial invitations are received to come again. But to make more frequent visits smaller districts must be made, necessitating more missionaries.

The location of camps differs somewhat from year to year as jobs are finished and new tracts are opened. The cutting of hardwood is being developed rapidly, and some large operators are coming in from other States. This promises a longer time for lumbering than was formerly thought possible. This year lumbering has been carried on very actively, wages have been the highest ever known, because of the scarcity of labor, and there is no need of idleness on the part of the lumberjacks. Idleness makes for drunkenness, one of the worst conditions the Mission has to contend with.

As many as fifteen different languages are spoken among these woodsmen, and the effort is made to get for them Gospels in their own tongues, for we face a situation not unlike that of the Day of Pentecost.

The missionaries preach to any groups of people they can get together, and this means in the lumber camps, on the river drives, in the tree planting camps, to gangs of convicts on road-repair work, to garnet miners in Warren County, and also to settlers in isolated communities. The life is a wandering one, but proves the need of more evangelizing. In some cases the help of pastors has been had in services in the districts out from their churches. And this last Spring our men took part in revivals, and in No-License campaigns in St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties.

There have been six men on the field force during the year, but only five at any one time. Rev. Mills S. Grimes left the work at the end of December to become the pastor of the Presbyterian church at Lyons Falls, N. Y. In May, Mr. Frank A. Reed took the place thus left vacant. There are now five men on the force: Revs. Aaron W. Maddox, Secretary; C. W. Mason, and Charles Atwood; and John T. Logan, and Frank A. Reed. We could use another man to good purpose.

A Ford car purchased for Mr. Mason's use on his long route from Tug Hill to Lake Placid has proved its value. It is the proper means of travel for the Spring, Summer, and Fall, and enables him to double his efficiency. Mr. Reed uses his own motorcycle where he can.

The work always can make use of much reading matter and many good magazines; large quantities can be disposed of to advantage. The comfort bags are most useful—the men are eager for them. Another Ford could be used, but the Secretary is too modest to say who should have it. Then Mr. Atwood should have a small, handy motor-boat for his trips on Cranberry Lake. There is more pressing need for the Y. M. C. A. suggested last year, since some of the hotels that board lumbermen when they are out of the woods will lose license October 1st, and in consequence their proprietors threaten to close up. A good clean place, well run, with dormitories, baths, a restaurant, and reading-room, should be provided for the men, and might induce them to a better way of spending their leisure time.

The American Bible Society could allow for 1917 but sixty dollars' worth of Gospels. More can be used, and gifts to bring the total to one hundred dollars' worth would be appreciated.

During the past year the Rev. E. O. McFarland was added to this department. Mr. McFarland has shown marked ability in developing the spiritual interest of churches that may be said to be run down. His trial service in the Bensonhurst Church continued for six months with the result that the church was in position to settle an excellent minister, and is now on a fair way to developing into a strong and useful congregation. Since the conclusion of his work there he has, on the instruction of the Permanent Committee, been appointed for a year, looking toward his continuance, if his work shows the desired quality. It is the aim of your Committee to keep Mr. McFarland upon the field for longer periods than has been the custom with Mr. Dean, and he is open for engagement wherever in the judgment of our Presbyteries he may be wisely used. His appointments are made either through the Superintendent or Mr. Dean.

The work of the year has been pursued along the lines of preceding years. Constant effort has been made to raise the churches to higher standards of efficiency in their financial methods, in proportionate giving and stronger spiritual life and activity. The schedule for the year has been carried on regularly. Owing to the change of conditions in some churches the appointments have had to be rearranged at times, but it has been accomplished with no loss of time and every Sunday has been spent in active service on the field.

In many of the churches visited during the year, attention has been given to the Every Member Plan of financing, and substantial increases have been made in the pledged revenues of the churches. Notable among these was the church at Rockville Center and the Memorial Church in Utica where, by a careful visitation, the number of pledges and the total amounts pledged were practically doubled over preceding years. As a result the Memorial Church, which formerly paid only $1,000 salary, expects to start the new pastor on a salary of $1,500.

Along the lines of church union the effort has been made to unite the churches in adjoining parishes to make larger fields paying larger salaries. In the Presbytery of Hudson the churches at Bethel and Mongaup Valley had become so depleted as to require aid if both were to be maintained. By work among the officials and members they were brought together in a double parish that will pay a salary of $1,000 and manse and make a field large enough to take all of a man's time. One outstanding obstacle to all such combinations is that one church has to take an afternoon service, and thinks such a plan will be a failure. Another obstacle is the difficulty in getting men willing to take a two point charge. In over-churched and competitive settlements certain efforts have been put forth tending toward union or federation of churches in order to make fewer but larger fields and forces.

In many of these places churchianity is strong, Christianity is weak, and the community decadent. Through lack of leadership and vision in the individual churches, it is difficult to get the members to see the advantage of uniting

the religious elements, and no one of the churches is strong enough to organize the community interests. Religion, the one thing on which the people should be most united, is the dividing force, and every Sunday morning the church bells call the people apart to worship. The community church and program, large enough for all, is the one hope for such conditions, but the traditions and customs of a century or more are not easily set aside, and it will require patient and tactful leadership on the part of pastors to show the advantage of giving up some of the forms of the past for the sake of the essentials of the present and future.

In these places the plan has been to get the people together in patriotic and other union services and give a larger view of the kingdom of God, and, as far as possible, focus the trend of the people toward union. Some programs have been suggested, and there have been assurances of the good that would ultimately result from the suggested lines of thought directed toward community welfare. Progress along these lines is slow. Plans can be forged, but they can't be forced on a community. They must be carefully worked and agreeably accepted if they are to succeed.

The over churched condition, the utterly inadequate salaries and school advantages, limited fields, and divided forces are some contributory causes which make it increasingly more and more difficult to secure men in our denomination suitable for many of these communities. Men are not satisfied with "a quarter of a man's work," and it is hard to get the churches to realize the difficulty in supplying men for the work.

In every field visited during the year the pastoral work has been emphasized, and attempts made to see all the people in their homes, and hear from them the experiences of the past and the expression of their hopes and desires for the church and community. In working out the plans for a campaign of any kind, more can be accomplished by the personal touch in the homes than in any other way. Neglect of this method of contact has been the secret of many failures on the fields in the past.

Assistance has been given in one series of special meetings in the church at Breakabeen, which resulted in a healthful quickening of the church life. Other requests for help along similar lines have been received, but owing to the pressure on the schedule for time it was impossible to arrange suitable appointments. It is hoped that in the coming year, more of that type of work can be done assisting pastors in the rural fields.

Since the Synodical Home Missions Committee is responsible for the work of the Board of Home Missions as a Committee of Synod, we are appending hereto the message of the Board to Synod:

"The supreme effort of the Home Board during the present year is to realize the enlarged program enjoined by the last General Assembly. It calls for a million and a half of dollars.

"These are war times. Millions and billions are demanded for extraordinary measures. All except the opulent feel the pinch of living. But the whole church has resolutely willed an advance in its home mission work. No agency of the

church ever received a clearer mandate than have the Home Board and all other home mission agencies.

"When President Wilson was asked the other day by the Assembly's National Service Commission what the church could do to help in the national emergency he replied that it could best help by maintaining itself, by fulfilling its spiritual mission.

"At no time is it more important that religious agencies shall keep their morale at high pitch. The spiritual strain upon the American people is already great; it must soon become terrific. Statesmen unite in declaring that the issue in the present world conflict lies in the power of the nation whose morale can longest stand the strain. Purity of purpose and consciousness of high motive are more essential to the national mission even now than hardiness in physical conflict. The safety of the nation and its cause is tremulously dependent upon its spiritual reserves. The home mission reserve forces must at this time of all times be called out.

"The call of Dr. John A. Marquis to the General Secretaryship of the Board has been applauded throughout the church. He has accepted. He entered actively upon his duties October first. He designs to throw himself heartily into the leadership of the movement to realize the large advance program. The General Assembly also approved the plan of the Board in commissioning a Financial Secretary to direct the campaign for funds. Dr. W. R. Patterson has been for several months in this office and after study of needs and resources is active in the program of advance. The entire force at command of the Board is enlisted in the forward movement, and in no territory of the church does the Board look for larger response than in New York.

"The dependence of our people and of other nations upon the American farmer in this critical season is laying special responsibility upon the country church, and that branch of the Board's administration is mobilizing the ministry and churches of rural regions in a strenuous and sacrificial struggle for the larger life of humanity.

"Contacts with Latin America are giving new scope to the home character of missions on our own continent. The responsibility for spiritualizing these contacts falls heavily and with a unique significance upon home mission agencies now on our southwestern border and in the West Indies. The utmost which can be done in the face of the immediate future will be an all too tardy preparation to meet greatly enlarged responsibilities. The war is making the western hemisphere a unit in a sense not before conceived.

"With a confidence which can be awakened only by its own failure the Board therefore appeals for the advance program and its needed budget of $1,500,000. There is no more vital war measure. The morale of an aroused nation must be kept true to holy purposes."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE P. CONARD, *Chairman.*

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